

LIBRARY Seventh Annual Report
CENTENARY COLLEGE
SHREVEPORT, LA.
NOT TO BE TAKEN OUT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Woman's Society of Christian Service
including
Wesleyan Service Guild



Theme:

"Total Mission to a Total World"

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1966 - 1967

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1967-1968

First Period **June 1, 1967 to November 1, 1967**

- June 19-23.....Gulf Region School of Christian Mission, S.M.U., Dallas
June 23-25.....Jurisdiction Guild Annual Meeting, Mt. Sequoyah
July 17-21.....Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary
College, Shreveport
July 21-23.....Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 31-August 3....South Central Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah
September 10.....Dedication of building at Dulac Community Center
October.....Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
October 10-12.....Mid-Year Meeting of Conference Executive Committee,
New Iberia
October 14-15.....Guild Executive Committee, Alexandria

Second Period **November 1, 1967 to June 1, 1968**

- November 3.....World Community Day
November 5.....Send Evaluation Reports to District Officers
February.....Election of officers of Woman's Society and Guild.
 Send names to district recording secretary.
February 20-22.....Jurisdiction Annual Meeting, Omaha, Nebraska
March 1.....World Day of Prayer
March 11-13.....Conference Executive Committee
March 13-15... ..Annual Meeting of Conference Woman's Society,
 First Methodist Church, Shreveport
March 16-17.....Annual Meeting of Conference Wesleyan Service Guild,
 First Methodist Church, Shreveport
March-April.....Annual District Meetings of Woman's Societies

District	Church	Date
Alexandria.....	Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria.....	March 27
Baton Rouge.....	Ingleside Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.....	April 3
Lafayette.....	First Methodist Church, Franklin.....	March 29
Lake Charles.....	DeQuincy Methodist Church, DeQuincy.....	March 28
Monroe.....	Winnsboro Methodist Church, Winnsboro.....	April 4
New Orleans.....	First Methodist Church, New Orleans.....	April 2
Ruston.....	First Methodist Church, Homer.....	April 5
Shreveport.....	Mangum Methodist Church, Shreveport.....	March 26

- April 14..... Easter Sunday
 April 19-21..... Mission Seminar, Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport
 May..... Officer Training Day in Each District
 May 3..... May Fellowship Day

Summer 1968

- June 14-16..... Jurisdiction Guild Annual Meeting, Mt. Sequoyah
June 17-21..... West Gulf Region School of Christian Mission, Mt.
Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas
July 15-19..... Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary
College, Shreveport
July 20-21..... Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport

Twenty-Seventh Annual Report
of the
Woman's Society of Christian Service
including

The Wesleyan Service Guild

Louisiana Conference

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Annual meeting held at

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

MARCH 15 - 17, 1967

Edited by: Mrs. T. E. HAMPTON, Chairman
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MRS. MAX CLAYTON
MRS. CARL GALLANER
MISS MILDRED EVANS

PURPOSE
of the
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
and
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Woman's Society and Guild shall provide opportunities and resources which will help women: grow in understanding and spiritual power; increase their knowledge of needs in the world; and share through witness and service in the outreach of the Church.

The Woman's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the Church at home and overseas.

OUR ANNUAL REPORT
IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO



THE LOCAL WOMAN

She is the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

It is she who prays, who gives, who serves.
She stretches out her hand and heart in ministry
and praise; Lo! a channel is formed for healing
power in a changing world.

DEACONESSES, HOME MISSIONARIES AND SPECIAL TERM WORKERS FROM LOUISIANA

Serving in Other Conferences

* Miss Emma G. Burris
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson
* Miss Ora Hooper
* Miss Helen Mandelbaum

** Miss Brenda Moorman
* Miss Shiela Nuttall
* Mrs. Lillian Nelle Peach
* Mrs. Verna Webster Willis

Serving in our conference other than in National Division Projects

* Miss Margaret Field
* Miss Norma Garlington

* Miss Evelyn Murphree

CONTRACT WORKERS FROM LOUISIANA

Serving in Other Conferences

Rev. Brent Doan

Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larsen

(CODE: # Home Missionary; * Deaconesses; ** U.S.-2; £ Contract Worker)

WORLD DIVISION MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO US

Miss Elma Ashby
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Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes
Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Ray Holt

Miss Carol F. Wood, Special Term Missionary

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Rev. and Mrs. Ben Youngblood

LOUISIANA IS THE HOME CONFERENCE, HOME STATE, OR BIRTHPLACE OF THE MISSIONARIES IN BOLD PRINT

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dewey
Mr. and Mrs. Hall Duncan

Dr. and Mrs. James I. McClendon
Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Townsley

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rev. and Mrs. Donald E. Barnes

Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Cady

(For more complete information on our workers and a list of "Employed Workers", see the Directory, Birthday Calendar, and Cover Letter mailed to each local society in care of the secretary of missionary education and service)

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£ Rev. Nathaniel Perry, Supt.

Mrs. Pearl Turnbull

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* Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Supt.

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£ Miss Louise Sharp, Executive Director

OTHER DEACONESSES AND US-2'S IN NATIONAL DIVISION PROJECTS IN OUR CONFERENCE

* Miss Barbara Boultinghouse

** Miss Diane Haney

* Miss Phoebe Ann Reynolds

** Miss Patricia Smith

* Miss Edna Ridley

** Miss Linda Veal

All of these workers serve at Sager-Brown School, with the exception of Miss Patricia Smith, who is at Dulac Community Center.

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2. Mrs. L. C. Aycock

3. Mrs. Robert Reich
4. Mrs. Robert Bingham

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HISTORICAL PAGE

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL HISTORY

Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Giving*
1940	10,774	None	\$ 32,175.00
1941	10,360	642	40,118.45
1945	8,589	977	67,874.58
1946-47	9,304	1173	77,957.93
1947-48	9,707	1308	95,626.78
1948-49	10,190	1443	100,214.01
1949-50	10,944	1637	101,472.32
1950-51	11,855	1701	108,344.98
1951-52	12,125	1689	116,483.71
1952-53	12,586	1839	125,232.38
1953-54	13,115	1926	141,225.25
1954-55	13,310	1863	146,269.53
1955-56	13,813	1875	150,957.47
1956-57	13,994	1968	155,947.42
1957-58	13,998	2002	160,797.97
1958-59	13,964	2039	161,745.66
1959-60	13,704	2172	167,080.34
1960-61	13,581	2172	167,905.51
1961-62	13,782	2194	171,232.32
1962-63	13,290	1933	170,536.09
1963-64	12,965	1917	169,913.25
1964-65	13,449	1833	177,165.73
1965-66	13,002	1825	185,934.65
1966-67	13,068	1796	187,800.72

* Total giving includes figures for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Annual Meetings

- 1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting.
- 1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29 - May 1.
- 1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
- 1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19 - 21.
- 1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8 - 10.
- 1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16 - 18.
- 1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22 - 24.
- 1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28 - 30.
- 1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23 - 24.
- 1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18 - 19.
- 1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17 - 19.
- 1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24 - 26.
- 1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18 - 20.
- 1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2 - 4.
- 1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13 - 15.
- 1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18 - 20.
- 1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4 - 6.
- 1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16 - 18.
- 1961—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15 - 17.
- 1962—First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 14 - 16.
- 1963—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 13 - 15.
- 1964—Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, March 11 - 13.
- 1965—Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 10 - 12.
- 1966—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 8 - 10.
- 1967—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15 - 17.

Past Conference Presidents

- 1940-1941—Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., 533 Dudley Drive, Shreveport
- 1941-1946—Mrs. John B. Pollard, 3212 Rosedale, Dallas, Texas
- 1946-1954—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 710 N. Vienna, Ruston
- 1954-1958—Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader, 6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans
- 1958-1962—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, P. O. Box 88, Shreveport
- 1962-1966—Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 112 Redd Drive, Pineville 71360

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(00) indicates number of members

1967-1968

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Vivian (56)..... Mrs. M. H. Kibler, 705 W. Arkansas, Vivian 71042

Zone II Leader: Mrs. Glen Phares, Many 71449

Coushatta (38)..... Mrs. Oscar Ogilvie, Box 383, Coushatta 71019
Grand Cane (9)..... Mrs. A. F. Abington, Rt. 1, Box 105, Grand Cane 71032
Hall Summit (8)..... Mrs. D. W. Stewart, Hall Summit 71034
Keithville (8)..... Mrs. Harvey L. Hill, Rt. 1, Box 8, Keithville 71047
Logansport (35)..... Mrs. Gordon Russell, Logansport 71049
Longstreet (6)..... Mrs. H. G. Denison, Longstreet
Mansfield (37)..... Mrs. P. E. Dixon, Box 592, Mansfield 71052
Many (28)..... Mrs. W. H. Bengtson, P. O. Box 575, Many 71449
Mitchell (10)..... Mrs. W. T. Valentine, Mitchell 71453
Pleasant Hill (16)..... Mrs. Hattie McFerrin, Pleasant Hill 71065
Stonewall (12)..... Mrs. Perry Midyett, Stonewall 71078
Zwolle (26)..... Mrs. Christel Bullard, Box 73, Zwolle 71486

Zone III Leader: Mrs. T. D. Wallace, 2535 Midway St., Shreveport 71108

Bethany (15).....	Mrs. Fred Alexander, Bethany 71007
Greenwood (29).....	Mrs. E. S. Welch, Rt. 1, Box 77, Keatchie 71046
Shreveport:	
Broadmoor (235).....	Mrs. Durward Rust, 826 E. River Road, Shreveport 71105
Caddo Heights (56).....	Mrs. C. E. Arnold, 8912 Shady Lane Dr., Shreveport 71108
Cedar Grove (115).....	Mrs. J. R. Fouts, 215 W. 68th St., Shreveport 71106
Christ Church (80).....	Mrs. Robert Pepper, 9339 Blom Blvd., Shreveport 71108
Ellerbe Road (38).....	Mrs. John D. Buehler, Forbing 71026
First Church (602).....	Mrs. John S. Adams, 428 Monrovia, Shreveport 71106
Lakeview (47).....	Mrs. Dale Brobst, Sr., 3833 Milton, Shreveport 71109
Mangum (150).....	Mrs. W. R. Wyly, 5008 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport 71109
Morningside (47).....	Mrs. O. J. Hughes, 2820 Randolph, Shreveport 71108
Noel (270).....	Mrs. G. W. Charlton, 820 Wilkinson, Shreveport 71104
North Highlands (97).....	Mrs. H. N. K. Brookings, 3701 Eddy Place, Shreveport 71107
St. Luke's (40).....	Mrs. Gayle Colgin, 144 Kayla, Shreveport 71108
Summer Grove (78).....	Mrs. Louis Alexander, 2673 Lola Lane, Shreveport 71108
Trinity (12).....	Mrs. E. D. Walsh, 6005 So. Lakeshore, Shreveport 71109
Wesley (22).....	Mrs. Gerald Ross, 2941 Amelia St., Shreveport 71108
Wynn (65).....	Mrs. J. W. Cureton, 3457 DeSota, Shreveport 71109

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1966 - 1967

In May the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and approved the appointment of Mrs. J. F. Rosett as Conference Recording Secretary to replace Mrs. W. E. Trice, who is moving from the Conference.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Recording Secretary

(Approved by the Executive Committee October 11, 1966)

In August the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and telephone and approved the appointment of Mrs. T. E. Hampton as Conference Recording Secretary to replace Mrs. J. F. Rosett, who found it necessary to resign.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. J. F. Rosett, Recording Secretary

(Approved by the Executive Committee October 11, 1966)

In January the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and approved the following items:

1. Attendance of Mrs. John Oldham, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, at a Regional Workshop to be held in Mobile, Alabama, March 1-3.
2. Attendance of Mrs. Garland Dean at two Workshops to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 7-9. Expenses will be provided by the General Board of Missions.
3. Invitation to be extended to the two Women's Societies of the Evangelical United Brethren, in our Conference, to attend our Annual Meeting in Lake Charles.
4. Participation in a follow-up of the **World Understanding Workshops** which were held in Africa this past summer. Baton Rouge has been chosen as one of the twelve Hub Cities in which a workshop will be held under the sponsorship of the section on Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division. Coy Howe will serve as Chairman and Mrs. McGowan has been asked to serve on the committee.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Recording Secretary

(Approved by Executive Committee March 14, 1967)

**CALLED SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

April 18, 1967

Following the District Officers' Training Day in Pineville, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, president, called a session of the Executive Committee. Mrs. McGowan was elected alternate to attend the Quadrennial National Seminar on Human Rights, which will be held August 1-10 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Recording Secretary

May 7, 1967

During the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of the South Central Jurisdiction at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas on May 7, 1967, Mrs. McGowan called a meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing two nominees to the Planning Committee for the School of Missions for the West Gulf Region. Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Mrs. R. S. Reich were elected. Only one of these nominees will be elected by the Regional Committee on Nominations. Mrs. L. C. Aycock agreed to have her name presented in case Mrs. Reich, who was not present, would be unavailable for the nomination.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Woman's Society of Christian Service

HOMER, LOUISIANA, OCTOBER 11-13, 1966

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, in the chapel of the First Methodist Church, with the president, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of the various committees, with a coffee break served by the Summerfield Society, Mrs. S. G. Goocher, president, and a luncheon served by members of the Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church of Homer, Mrs. Don Moore, president.

THE OPENING MEDITATION was led by the Reverend J. J. Caraway, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Homer, who used worship aids and song selections from the new Methodist Hymnal. His impressive message was "Fifteen Words": I AM PROUD OF YOU (appreciation), WHAT DO YOU THINK? (consultation), IF YOU PLEASE (courtesy), THANK YOU (gratitude), WE (partnership).

ROLL CALL by the recording secretary showed the following present: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, J. B. Mouton, T. E. Hampton, Carl Gallaher, Robert Bingham, W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, Garland Dean, Jr., John Oldham, Robert Reich, John L. Howe, Jr., L. C. Aycock, Charles Giessen, G. W. Dameron, Wideman Watson, S. E.

Richardson, T. C. Young, Clifford Ratliff, John Nelson, Gilbert Bandel, George H. Thomas, Charles Cain, B. E. Fox, Sr., Robert Compton, Don Wineinger, Lucille Goodwin, V. W. Cothren, George Tigner, Jr., J. T. Spencer, Wilburn Slack, T. E. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Kavanaugh, and Euland Efurd. A motion was made and passed that communications be sent to those absent.

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (see page 24 of this report) were read by the secretary and approved as read.

MRS. MCGOWAN WELCOMED the new members of the committee and those serving in new capacities: Mrs. T. E. Hampton, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Bingham, secretary for campus ministry; Mrs. John Oldham, secretary for missionary personnel; Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., secretary for spiritual life cultivation; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, secretary for supply work; Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux, president and Mrs. T. C. Young, secretary for membership cultivation in Alexandria District; Mrs. John Nelson, treasurer and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, secretary for membership cultivation in Baton Rouge District; Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr., secretary for membership cultivation in Lafayette District; Mrs. Don Wineinger, president Monroe District; Mrs. V. W. Cothren, president New Orleans District; Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., president Ruston District; and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, president of the Shreveport District.

MINUTES OF THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED by the president as follows: JOURNAL: Mesdames Dameron and Thomas. RESOLUTIONS: Mesdames Bingham, Nelson, and Compton.

MISS MARYRUTH NICKELS, Regional Secretary, gave a progress report on moving into the new office in Dallas which is the regional headquarters for the Conferences in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. It is her plan to visit each conference at least twice a year and this will have been accomplished by the end of the month. An advisory committee has been set up composed of two representatives from the Woman's Division, three elected by the Jurisdiction, six from the conferences (on a rotating basis), and four local people representing other boards and agencies.

MRS. GIESSEN, JURISDICTION SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, brought greetings from the South Central Jurisdiction Society, and reported that under the new policy of the Board of Missions, young married couples will be accepted for special-term missionary service, provided both the husband and wife meet all the qualifications. This fall 36 young men and women left for overseas-3 service, and 33 began work as US-2's, one being Brenda L. Moorman of Westwego, La., who was appointed to Bidwell-Riverside Center. Miss Lillian Nelle Coulter, 604 South Second St., West Monroe, La., was accepted as a candidate for Deaconess Service. All conference officers, including the chairman on nominations, will attend the Jurisdiction Woman's Society May 5-7, 1967 at Mt Sequoyah for leadership training. There will again be a Youth and a College Student Section at the South Central Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah July 31-August 3, 1967. Each district will be allowed one youth, selected by a District Committee. Each conference may have as many as three college students who are classified as sophomores or above in the fall of 1967. These will be selected by a Special Conference Committee. It is suggested that funds be appropriated to take care of the expenses of the college students.

THE 26th ANNUAL REPORT is expected from the printer in a week or ten days reported Mrs. McGowan, who, in the absence of a recording secretary, had assumed the responsibility of editing the material sent to the printer by Mrs. Trice, the retiring recording secretary. She read the dedication to Mrs. Dameron, our immediate past president, and presented a hand-printed copy to her.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE for the Annual Meeting, chaired by Mrs. Reich, reported the theme will be "Total Mission to a Total World"; and the theme song will be "God of Love and God of Power". She suggested reading: "Ten Fingers for God" and "Appointment: Congo". Thursday noon (during the annual meeting) each conference officer will meet with her district and local officers for a box lunch and Conversation Time.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ALEXANDRIA: Mrs. Young reported for the president 38 Woman's Societies and 11 Wesleyan Service Guilds, with a total membership of 1234. The Guilds overpaid their pledge to Missions and had an excellent year. Money sent for memberships, honor gifts, and other channels has been the largest amount in the history of the district. Twenty-six societies were represented at the Workshop, which was outstanding. Attendance at the Fall Zone Meetings has been encouraging. The delegate to the Assembly has made good reports. "A Day on Campus" at Northwestern State College has been planned for November 2.

BATON ROUGE: Mrs. Ratliff, president, reported 56 societies with a total membership of 2119, and 14 Guild units with a total membership of 262, making a grand total of 2381. The zones were combined for two meetings, with attendance of 123, representing 33 societies. Each local society has been asked to have "A Day Apart" instead of having a District Day Apart. We had a good Annual District Meeting with Mrs. Laskey as our speaker and Mrs. McGowan as our guest. The District Committee on Mission Study is planning two Mission Study Conferences to be held October 26 and 27.

LAFAYETTE: Mrs. Thomas, president, reported failure to meet pledge to missions by \$1476.51, and failure to reach the desired increase in membership, however, there was an increase from 27 to 52 in attendance at the Conference Annual Meeting in March. The District Annual Meeting, which was well attended, stressed recruitment through a panel discussion by three U.S.2's currently at work in Woman's Division projects in Lafayette District. Officer Training in Zones in the spring met with a new enthusiasm. The district delegate to Assembly has shared and will continue to share the challenge of this meeting with other societies and with the church. Three District Meetings (combination workshop and zone meeting) were held in the fall with a total attendance of 170. Only three societies were not represented. Plans are made for Spring Zone Meetings to be "A Day Apart", and Officer Training to be conducted in the local societies by teams of two officers. Work is being done with the District Committee of the Church on planning the churchwide Mission Study Conferences which are to be held November 15 and 17.

LAKE CHARLES: Mrs. Compton, president, reported 30 Woman's Societies, with a membership of 1372, 13 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 239, and 1 district member; making a total of 1614. Local Officer's Training in four areas was held by District Officers with 148 members attending, representing 25 societies. Only 18

members attended Conference School of Christian Missions this year. The District Missionary Secretary helped plan and participated in our District Mission Study Conference, where studies were presented and some techniques were used that proved helpful to the 92 members in attendance. "A Day Apart" was held at Lake Arthur Campgrounds, with 170 in attendance. "A Day On Campus" of the McNeese State College at the Wesley Foundation is planned for October 18. Annual District Meeting will be held in University Church in Lake Charles on April 4th.

MONROE: Mrs. Wineinger, president, reported Officer Training was held in the Spring Zone Meetings. Cooperation in joint planning on Mission Studies was sought unsuccessfully. 165 registered for Fall Workshops, where there was good interest and literature sales. There is some growth in membership, such as a new circle with eleven members. The president is working with the Guild on District Committees and Coaching Conferences. A self-study was held in zones and information on Committee on Nominations, Mission Studies, and report on Assembly was also given. Much more was paid on pledge than last year, but the goal was still unmet.

NEW ORLEANS: Mrs. Cothem, president, reported 141, representing 18 societies, attended the District Annual Meeting. Mrs. Dameron was the guest speaker. Thirteen attended District Officers Training. Local Officers Training Day was attended by 186, representing 25 Societies. Three attended the Seventh Assembly in Portland and have reported to many groups. Twenty-eight women, representing 15 societies, attended the School of Christian Missions. One attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. A Fall Workshop was attended by 190 (including 10 ministers) from thirty churches. Three ministers participated and the district missionary secretary and secretary of Missionary Education were given time to present joint planning for Church Wide Studies. They also promoted the District Mission Study Conference which was attended by 100; forty were representatives of our Woman's Society. The district secretary of Missionary Education helped plan, promote, and participated in this program. A UNICEF Workshop will be held in cooperation with the United Church Women. Also the Woman's Society will sponsor a table at a U.N. Luncheon on October 24.

RUSTON: Mrs. Tigner, president, reported 13 attended District Officer Training Day, and then conducted Officer Training in zones. Membership in the societies is 1445 and 228 in the Guilds, making a total of 1676. One jurisdiction officer, 2 conference officers, and 8 district officers attended the School of Christian Missions. Only 12 of 38 societies were represented, with 31 persons participating full-time, although a number attended some of the sessions. The district vice-president cooperated in the Fall Workshop which was attended by 195 women. Officers plan full cooperation with the Missionary Study Conference to be held in November. Seven Woman's Society members will assist in this presentation. The president attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, with two district youth. Plans for fall zone meetings and "A Day Apart" were reported.

SHREVEPORT: Mrs. Kirkpatrick, president, reported a membership of 2535 in 44 societies and 286 in 17 guild units, making a total of 2821. An increase of \$3,276.96 over the previous year was paid to Conference on appropriations, which was not sufficient to meet the pledge; however, supply askings for last year were overpaid. Officer training was held on the local level for 400 women from 31 societies by teams of district officers. Two of our young people attended the Mission Week at Mt. Sequoyah. Five sub-district Mission Study Conferences are scheduled. Lay women and men are cooperating with the clergy in this effort to promote the full church participation in mission study. "A Day on Campus" at Centenary College is planned for November 2. Our Annual Meeting was attended by 152, representing 19 societies; School of Christian Missions was attended by 83, representing 29 societies. Fall

Workshop was attended by 143, representing 30 societies. The president attended the Seventh Assembly and has made several talks about it. A complete report will be given at all three of the fall zone meetings, using the official filmstrip, with personalized script. The president is also interested in, and active to some degree, in the work of The Business Girls' Inn, the Shreveport District Church and the United Church Women.

Coffee was served in the parlor, courtesy of the Haynesville Woman's Society, Mrs. Charles Brand, president.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. Mouton, reported excellent district and local programs in which the new Methodist Hymnal and the new Book of Worship were presented. She reported that Mrs. Tilly would be at the Workshop on "Justice in the Courts" in Alexandria on November 9th, sponsored by Church Women United.

TREASURER, Mrs. Gallaher, filed a Financial Statement for the First Quarter of 1966-67:

BALANCE May 20, 1966	\$12,448.96
RECEIPTS	<u>38,247.48</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$50,696.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

WOMAN'S DIVISION

Pledge	\$17,164.67	
Supply Work	4,856.24	
Call to Prayer	122.30	
Supplementary	<u>942.27</u>	
TOTAL PAID TO WOMAN'S DIVISION	\$ 23,085.48	
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation	497.77	
Transient Fund	755.00	
Conference Cultivation Fund	<u>4,136.83</u>	\$28,475.08

BALANCE IN CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT August 20, 1966..... 22,221.36

TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR..... \$ \$50,696.44

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Alexandria, La.	\$ 1,471.52
Rapides Building and Loan Association, Alexandria, La.	3,000.00
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans, La. Checking Account	
Recruitment Fund	\$ 535.00
Cultivation Fund	<u>17,214.84</u>
	<u>17,749.84</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$22,221.36</u>

Mrs. Gallaher reported an increase in giving last year of \$11,000.00, although none of the districts met their pledge, which had been increased 25%. (the Alexandria district came closest and the New Orleans district second).

SECRETARIES REPORTS

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Mrs. Bingham reported she was unable to attend the Regional School of Christian Mission, but the vacancy was ably filled by Mrs. Charles Palmer, Alexandria District Secretary, who later helped in the officers' responsibility group at the School of Christian Mission, Centenary College. This was attended by two district secretaries and four local secretaries. Rev. Robert Ed Taylor, of Centenary, lead a discussion on the "University World". Each local church is urged to try to engage in dialogue with the young adults of their church in order that the channels of communication between generations be opened. Local secretaries are asked to attend a Convocation on the Campus Ministry to be held at L.S.U. in Baton Rouge on November 25-26. The purpose is to engage church leaders, both lay and ministerial, in dialogue concerning the nature, methods, and needs of our campus ministry in Louisiana. Another area of work being stressed is "The Day on Campus".

MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION: Mrs. Clayton reported that the decline in membership is of grave concern, but feels that the outreach of the church women is greater than ever. More societies are reporting areas of service outside the local church. Several District Secretaries attended the Officers' Responsibility Group at the School of Christian Mission where a healthy enthusiasm and exchange of ideas prevailed. Each was given notes from the "101 Ways to Get New Members" sent from the jurisdiction officer. Local secretaries have been urged to send in some kind of a report to the district officers and they, in turn, have been urged to send them on to the conference secretary.

PROGRAM MATERIALS: Mrs. Reich reported sales at the Book Room during the School of Christian Mission amounted to \$1175.00. In addition to literature from Service Center, a small amount of Wright Studio accessories and material from other publishers was handled. Approximately 7000 pieces of free literature were distributed. These had been obtained from Service Center, the government, and other agencies relative to the current studies. It was gratifying to note that the Book Room was used quite extensively for browsing as well as buying. A project was presented jointly to the secretaries of Membership Cultivation, Program Materials, and the Wesleyan Service Guild, which was approved by all groups. This was the publication of a packet for new members, containing membership information, Guild information, and description of the Methodist Woman and World Outlook, which would be sold for 5¢ by the secretary of program materials for use in membership cultivation. Plans are being made to have these available for the Annual Meeting in Lake Charles. Attention is called to the filmstrip and recording from the 7th Assembly and the new 8th edition of Audio Visual Resources guide of the National Council of Churches, which should be invaluable in program planning.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL: Mrs. Oldham reported that some printed material is now available for the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel. Some packets have been completed containing this material, evaluation Reports, and a letter from the Conference Secretary.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION: Mrs. Howe urged use of the wealth of worship materials available and stressed the importance of beginning with the cultivation of our own spiritual lives.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD: Miss Evans was unable to be present, but sent her report, which was read by the secretary. The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was represented at Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah June 17-19 by seven members, including the Conference Secretary. Mrs. McGowan, president of the

Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, was present and was elected member-at-large from the Woman's Society to the Jurisdiction Guild Committee. Five attended the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Ten attended the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College. The Annual Guild Weekend at Centenary College was interesting, informative, and meaningful. The theme message delivered by Dr. D. L. Dykes on Saturday morning set the tone for the weekend, creating a renewed awareness of the responsibility in the world of Christian women. Miss Langford offered an Elizabeth Langford Award to the district organizing the most Guild units during this year. The Guild pledge to missions for 1966-67 is \$24,974.00. For the first quarter we paid \$4,429.83 toward our pledge, which includes special giving.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS work in its many varied forms is being carried on by the 8 district secretaries, Mrs. Gardner reported. In officers' training, the importance of committees, their functions, and area of responsibility were stressed. The Conference has five committees and the chairmen and members have worked very effectively in their particular area. This emphasis was carried further in the officer responsibility group at the School of Christian Mission: Mrs. Kirkpatrick, chairman of Social Welfare Issues, lifted up the interest in Mental Health, by having Mrs. George Pearce, speech therapist and officer in the Mental Health Association, speak to the group. Mrs. R. W. Harkess, chairman U.N. Activities and Educational Program, effectively promoted UNICEF and other specialized programs of the U.N.; Mrs. Chris Hall, member of the Legislative Committee, lifted up the importance of women attending court sessions and serving on juries, suggesting that several women get together and visit the courts and then spend time evaluating the knowledge gained from the visit; Mrs. Edward McDevitt, chairman of "The Methodist Church and Race", reminded the Officer Responsibility Group of the Special Interest Group on "The Inclusive Church", and urged everyone to attend. Each district secretary received a packet of materials on the Study of Affluence and Poverty—Dilemma for Christians, Study on Red China, and other pertinent subjects prepared by the Department of Christian Social Relations. The Conference Secretary and six District Secretaries have joined the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, which is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to help lay people know more about their state government.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE: Mrs. Dean had a very impressive display of missionaries who are from Louisiana or are being supported by the Louisiana Conference, and reported that Church-wide studies, with men and women cooperating in joint training and planning on all levels, are being encouraged as a means of involving more people in education for missions. The Woman's Society assumes its share of the responsibility for joint study. It correlates its own study program with that of the church, the Committee on Program Planning alternate study opportunities to reach more women and supplement church-wide study and action. Two copies of the film-strip, *How Things Hide People*, have been placed in the film library at the Area Council Office. A directory of National and World Division workers related to our Conference, and a Birthday Calendar were mailed to each local society, Conference, District, and other officers. Special assignments for "keeping in touch" were made each society, and the district officers responsible for home institutions. Your secretary assumes responsibility for all these workers. As a conference, we have been assigned 25 missionaries. We are related to 13 deaconesses. Of the eight in our conference, two are new — Miss Margaret M. Field, a registered nurse serving as Nurse Supervisor at the Methodist Home Hospital, and Miss Edna Ridley, teacher and housemother at Sager-Brown. We are related to 8 U.S.2's, three from Louisiana at work in other conferences, Miss Brenda L. Moorman being new. We welcome three

other new U.S.2's, Diane Haney and Linda L. Veal to Sager-Brown School, and Patricia A. Smith to Dulac Community Center. We are related to three Home Missionaries, 26 Contract Workers, 40 Employed Workers and eleven retired persons, making a total of 126.

SUPPLY WORK: Mrs. Aycock presented our askings for 1966-67, which is a decrease of \$159.08 from last year;

Woman's Society of Christian Service

NATIONAL \$10,445.50

1. Wesley Foundation (USL)
2. Wesley Foundation (Tech)
3. Sager Brown
4. Peoples Community Center
5. St. Marks Community Center
6. Business Girls' Inn
7. Alpine Community Center (Texas)

WORLD - JAPAN 4,383.00

1. Aoyama Gakium (Elementary, Jr. High, Sr. High, and Woman's Jr. College)

General (Undesignated) 1,400.00

TOTAL ASKINGS \$16,228.50

Wesleyan Service Guild

NATIONAL \$1,483.00

1. Navajo Mission School

WORLD - PHILIPPINES 522.00

1. Harris Memorial School for Deaconesses
2. Mary Johnston Hospital & School for Nursing

Magazine and Picture Fund
(\$2.00 per Unit) 212.00

TOTAL ASKINGS \$2,217.00

The payments for the first quarter were a little short. To make Supply Work a living part of the total program on all levels, the following points have been stressed; cooperation between secretaries and treasurers; know about finances; study Supply Askings projects; keep in touch with workers in Louisiana Conference projects; Christmas in August; send good used clothing to Dulac Community Center; promote saving Red Scissors Coupons to be sent to St. Mark's Community Center camp program (This year's quota is 65,000).

PRESIDENT, Mrs. McGowan, expressed her happiness in being privileged to be our representative at the Assembly in Portland. She reported that she had met with groups to help them plan and had served on some of their programs. She said she deeply appreciated the cooperation of all the Executive Committee, especially the District Presidents and the Nominating Committee. She felt their prayers and support had given her the strength she needed to meet the extra responsibilities she had assumed. She had definitely felt undergirded by God through this communion. She said it had been a pleasure for her to work with the Hostess Societies in helping with this meeting and expressed the appreciation of all the Executive Committee for their hospitality.

COMMITTEE RECESSED for dinner which was served by the women of the Homer Society. Entertainment by the Children's Choir was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT MT. SEQUOYAH was attended by Mrs. Dean, who reported that the meeting was well balanced in content. It began at Vesper Point in the early morning as Bishop Copeland challenged them with his messages. Dr. T. E. Floyd Honey, from Canada, who is working with the World Council of Churches, led the sessions on "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians". In the Workshop,

most sessions were made up of Conference Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, and Conference Secretaries of Missionary Service, which proved to be an interesting Pioneering venture. Miss Theressa Hoover, now of the resource persons from New York, spoke largely about the new Committees on Mission Studies (Conference-wise). Dr. Harry Haines, Director of Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) spoke at the Bible Hour, the lectures entitled, "The Biblical Basis for Missions and Service".

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN is entering the fortieth year of existence as a Methodist residence. Mrs. McGowan presented Mrs. Maxine Watkins, director of the Inn, who explained its purpose is to provide inexpensive housing with a home atmosphere and help the girls grow in the knowledge and experience of God. She announced there would be a Founders Day celebration on January 28 and 29. She reported changes are taking place today — girls are leaving home at an earlier age, sometimes defiantly and perhaps having a feeling of being second-rate citizens. There is a growing need for more public residences and we would like to have more of our own girls. What can you do in the Conference? Perhaps a Public Relations Committee to spread the word that we need girls to work with the Inn and develop "Every Day Living" into "Living Every Day". Mrs. Kirkpatrick is on the Board and is making a film story of the Inn. Mrs. Gardner has also been working with the Inn. Several questions were asked and answered, bringing out information such as: The fees are \$16.00 per week which covers room and meals, linens, and maid service once a week. The girls are encouraged to make decisions about rules. There are 50 girls in residence, ranging in age from 17 to 23. Residence is limited to three years, and girls must apply for a place in the home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - 1966. Mrs. Howe reported that the school was held July 18-22, 1966, at Centenary College with a total registration of 265. The Unified Topics for Study were: "Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians" and "James and I Peter". The Special Interest Groups were: The Work of the Committee on Nominations, The Inclusive Church, Joint Planning for Study, and Financial Policies and Procedures.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - 1967. Mrs. Clayton reported that the date for this year's School of Mission is July 17-21, 1967. Miss Tyler will be registrar, Mrs. Gardner will be in charge of arrangements, and Mrs. Dean will be chairman of audio-visuals. All served in these capacities last year. The studies and instructors will be: "Christ and Faiths of Men", Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. H. M. Russell; "Japan", Mrs. Sam Dunbar and Mrs. W. B. Landrum; "Ecumenicity", Dr. W. E. Trice (pending); "Man and Community", Mrs. Dean Isaacs.

YOUTH MISSION TOUR left from Baton Rouge on July 18 for the twelve-day tour which traveled through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and back to Louisiana. Mrs. Oldham reported that she and Mr. Oldham were directors of the tour which included 36 young people, from 33 different churches, and four adults. This year they would like to try having the tour from June 5 to 16, and, if favorable, establish that date in 1968. Plans have been made for clearance of this date with the Area Council when approved. Also, there is need to increase the price to \$90.00. The committee will meet again at McDonald on December 10. Mrs. Oldham moved that the Louisiana Conference sponsor a Mission Tour from June 5 to 16, 1967 with a fee of \$90.00 per person. **Motion carried.**

CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS: In the absence of Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Dameron brought the following recommendation: According to action taken by the Executive Committee at its spring meeting, March 1966, Standing Rule No. 25, Twenty-Fifth Annual Report, be amended to read:

Each District shall have a committee, composed of the District Treasurer, the District Secretary of Supply Work, and the District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, whose duties shall be to visit National Division projects within the bounds of the district and to keep in touch with the workers employed in them.

Mrs. Dameron moved this recommendation be adopted. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. Mrs. Kavanaugh, secretary of the committee, read the proposed pledge for 1967-68 (printed below). Mrs. Gallaher moved that it be accepted as read. **Motion carried.**

1. 1967-68 Pledge to Missions - Woman's Division

Alexandria	\$ 14,250.00
Baton Rouge	22,589.00
Lafayette	12,480.00
Lake Charles	18,774.00
Monroe	18,744.00
New Orleans	21,480.00
Ruston	15,928.00
Shreveport	32,040.00
Total	<u>\$156,285.00</u>

Mrs. Kavanaugh read the proposed Conference Budget for 1967-68 (printed below). Mrs. Gallaher moved that we adopt the budget as presented. **Motion carried.**

2. 1967-68 Conference Budget

Office Expense	\$ 1,300.00
Annual Meeting	1,600.00
Annual Report	1,500.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	750.00
Regional School Christian Mission	900.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	825.00
Conference School Christian Mission	1,400.00
Youth Work	600.00
Christian Service Times	630.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Cooperative Meetings	250.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Tour	300.00
Woman's Division Cultivation	75.00
Guild	<u>2,180.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,460.00</u>

The following recommendations were read by Mrs. Kavanaugh and were individually adopted, on motion by Mrs. Gallaher:

3. That the expenses of a delegate to the Quadrennial Seminar to be held in Kansas City August 1 to 10, 1967, be allowed in excess of that which can be taken from the Christian Social Relations Budget.
4. That in the event the Louisiana Annual Conference sends a representative to participate in the Inner Board Training Process for Inner City Ministry, that the Conference Woman's Society allow an amount up to \$100.00 toward the expense of the representative.
5. That we allow up to \$450.00 for District Officer Training in 1967.
6. That \$150.00 be allowed for the Conference Self-Study which will be held for Conference Officers and Secretaries and the four persons from each district who will be responsible for a similar program in the districts.
7. That an amount up to \$50.00 be allowed for the printing of a cover and other material for a membership packet and that the packet be sold to local and district societies and guilds for membership cultivation.
8. That \$25 each be allowed for up to four student delegates who attend the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah July 30 to August 3, 1967.
9. That \$400 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1967 Youth Tour for Missions.
10. That the expense of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Missions be paid by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.
11. That a gift of \$500 be made to Business Girls Inn.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS. Mrs. Watson, chairman, reported the following officers, elected in March 1966, will serve for four years: **President**, Mrs. C. B. McGowan; **Secretary for Campus Ministry**, Mrs. R. M. Bingham; **Secretary of Missionary Personnel**, Mrs. John Oldham; **Secretary of Program Materials**, Mrs. Robert S. Reich; **Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation**, Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.; **Secretary of Supply Work**, Mrs. L. C. Aycock. Mrs. Watson asked for recommendations for the following officers and secretaries who are to be elected in 1968 to serve for four years: **Vice-President**, **Recording Secretary**, **Secretary of Christian Social Relations**, **Secretary of Membership Cultivation**, **Secretary of Missionary Education and Service**, and **Treasurer**.

PLACE OF MEETING: Mrs. Aycock discussed the churches who had been host to the Mid-year Executive Committee and to the Annual Meeting, and asked for suggestions for the 1968 Annual Meeting.

Mrs. McGowan asked that we especially remember the following in our prayers: the family of Mrs. M. M. Vineyard, president of the Ponchatoula Society, who was killed in an accident; Mrs. Overby, who is recuperating slowly from injuries received in an accident; Mr. Ratliff, who has had to return to the hospital.

The evening session was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1966, Morning Session was convened at 8:45.

MEDITATION was given by Mrs. Howe with the statement "This is the Day". She suggested many types of days this might be and many decisions we might make regarding it. She stated we must ask the Lord to be with us this day when we decide what we will be or do. "Choose ye this day whom you will serve". "This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad".

BUSINESS

Mrs. Reich asked if the Executive Committee wishes to have a "Quiet Time" preceding the sessions at Annual Meeting. The body was unanimous in wanting this again this year. Mrs. Howe will make plans for this part of our program.

A sectional map of Lake Charles and a list of accommodations were passed out.

It was announced that President Johnson has named October 19 as a Day of Prayer for the peace of the world.

Mrs. McGowan referred Standing Rule No. 26 of the 25th Annual Report to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to study and bring in a recommendation.

The President appointed the following committee to study the files of the treasurer for deletion and conservation: Mrs. Gallaher, chairman; Mesdames Clayton, Dameron, and McSween.

The President stated that Centenary College was asked about their policy regarding members of the Central Jurisdiction attending our School of Missions. She read a letter in reply from President Wilkes stating that it was their responsibility to accommodate the conference and they would take care of the invited guests.

Mrs. McGowan reported that she and Mrs. Reich had conferred with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society at Lake Charles in planning for the Annual Meeting and had asked if they would object to having the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Central Jurisdiction Society attend our Annual Meeting. Mrs. McGowan said "They assured us that they would be welcome, and I am therefore proposing that we invite the members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Central Jurisdiction to attend our Annual Meeting in Lake Charles in March. A vote on this proposal will be taken this afternoon".

SELF STUDY: Having had our first "Self-Study", Mrs. Howe asked, "Have there been changes? If so, why? or why not? The Conference is now requested to have a second 'Self-Study' and the time has come for us to 'choose a day'." Mrs. McGowan was authorized to contact Bunkie or Trinity Church in Alexandria, in the event Pineville is unable to have it. Mrs. Tigner moved that we have a two-day meeting with "Self-Study" and "Officer Training". **Motion carried.** Mrs. Mouton moved that we have the two-day study on April 18 and 19, or 19 and 20. **Motion carried.**

Session recessed for a coffee break, courtesy Woman's Society, Homer First Methodist Church, Mrs. Don Moore, president.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES: Mrs. Howe, editor, reported that the yearly subscription will run from June 1 to May 31, for \$1.00, which should be handled by the Business Manager by April 15, who shall, in turn, transfer all money (except \$200 for promotional expense) to the Conference Treasurer by September 1. There shall be four (4) issues per year. The fall (September) issue to cover the Guild Weekend and other extra information. The January issue will promote the Annual Meeting of both

Guild and Society (Material to be in by November 15). The spring issue to promote the School of Christian Mission and Guild weekend. The summer to be promotional in content, cover officers' duties, and the studies. Term of office for editor, assistant editors (Guild and Society) and business manager shall be for a four-year term. Persons for the office to be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to approval of both organizations. Instruction sheets on writing space were passed out to facilitate editing.

Mrs. Gardner, business manager, reported that she received from the "Guild Times" \$406.03 which she deposited in the Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, La., on February 1, 1966. Mrs. Howe, editor, and Mrs. Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, have authority to this account. Large posters have been made for promoting the paper and have been displayed at the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge and the School of Missions at Centenary College. Promotional work has also been done in the Alexandria, Monroe, and Shreveport Districts. Five-hundred twenty-six subscriptions have been entered; approximately 230 were from the Guild.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES - October 10, 1966

Amount deposited 2/1/66	\$ 406.03
Receipts - subscriptions	<u>527.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 933.03
Disbursements: Promotional expense	<u>63.21</u>
Total on Bank Statement Oct. '66	\$ 869.82
Check to treasurer (No. 102)	<u>669.82</u>
BALANCE on hand 10/12/66	\$ 200.00

ITINERATION: Mrs. Dean reported that plans for a cooperative venture between the Woman's Society and the Conference Board of Mission, in missionary itineration were not complete at this time. Miss Virginia Henry, Director of the Department of Field Interpretation, was notified of the decision not to itenerate General Conference delegates from abroad.

Mrs. McGowan welcomed guests who had come in, including Mrs. S. G. McGehee, Secretary of Spiritual Life in the Ruston District. She also welcomed Miss Georgia Daily from the Office of Methodist Information who announced that there would be a Conference Workshop in Shreveport on Saturday, October 22, which would be well worth attending. She advised that each agency in the Conference should send a program schedule to the Area Council which is set up to coordinate all the programs of the Conference. Dr. Jack Wilkes is Chairman of the Area Council; Dr. Luman Douglas is director of the Area Office; and Mr. Kenneth Rigby is Chairman of the Public Relations and Methodist Information Commission. Miss Daily said there was a Director of Information in each District.

EVALUATION OF PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS: Mrs. Gardner, chairman, reported 444 questionnaires were mailed and 166 were returned. Of this number, the majority wanted the Recommendations continued and a larger majority wanted the Recommendations mailed in advance of the Annual Meeting. Some of the suggestions offered to Conference Officers were:

1. To be more explicit in the Recommendations, thus cutting down the number of recommendations from each officer, but making the ones given more relevant to the several offices or lines of work.

2. To suggest ways the Recommendations might be carried out on the local level.

For the Societies, some of the suggestions were:

1. To use the Recommendations at an Executive Meeting of District Officers and have such District Officers promote her particular Recommendations in the local Society.
2. To have each district officer or secretary mail the Recommendations to her corresponding officer or secretary in the local society, with a letter outlining the goals that the district officer wants to accomplish. In this way the district and local officers will work together to accomplish the aims of the Recommendations.

Some other suggestions and constructive criticisms were:

1. The Recommendations were repetitious. (This could be eliminated if a few standard suggestions were offered at the start of the Recommendations)
2. In the place of the Recommendations, it was suggested that quarterly letters be sent from Conference to District to Local officers and secretaries.
3. Some thought the society did not read the Recommendations and officers did not pass the copy of the Recommendations to their successors.
4. Some suggested that the Recommendations be placed in the **Christian Service Times**.
5. Some thought that if the Handbooks and other materials were studied, the Recommendations would not be needed.
6. Small Societies feel that the Recommendations are for larger societies.

Mrs. Gardner moved that the Recommendations be sent out in advance of the Annual Meeting, but that additional study be made in regard to the content and use of the Recommendations and procedure for mailing. **Motion carried.** Further study may bring forth more suggestions and a method of following through. Recommendations should be sent no later than January 15 to 20, a copy to Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. McGowan. Mrs. Dameron suggested that the women needed more specific recommendations. Mrs. Gardner suggested Conference Officers use the "Box Lunch" time at Annual Meeting for discussion of the Recommendations. Mrs. Dameron moved that the Conference Officers not include the duties of the office in their recommendations. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Clayton suggested that a note be attached to the Jurisdictional Report asking for the Recommendations early.

LOUISIANA METHODIST COMMENT SERIES was discussed by Mrs. Oldham, who gave the following schedule for material to be sent to Mrs. Imogene Knox, Woman's Editor, **Louisiana Methodist**, Box 3547, Little Rock, Arkansas.

December 10	Recording Secretary
December 24	President
January 7	Membership Cultivation
January 21 ..	Supply Work
February 4	Campus Ministry

February 18.....	Program Materials
March 4.....	Wesleyan Service Guild
March 18.....	Treasurer
April 1.....	Christian Social Relations
April 15.....	Vice-President
April 29.....	Spiritual Life Cultivation
May 13.....	Missionary Education
May 27.....	Missionary Personnel

Mrs. Knox has asked that material be sent to her at least three days prior to time due, with a 2 x 3 picture. Miss Daily would like one, too.

Sessions recessed for lunch, served by the Ruston District Executive Committee.

The committee reconvened at 1:30, at which time Mrs. McGowan welcomed the following visitors: Mesdames R. M. Steer, Ruston District Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild; Sue Hefley, President of the Homer Wesleyan Service Guild; and Kathleen Greer.

SIMPLIFIED REPORTS FOR SMALL SOCIETIES: Mrs. Dameron, chairman of this special committee, reported they interpreted their responsibilities as follows:

1. To explore the need for, and interest in, such a report form;
2. If the need and interest seem general enough, to draft a simplified report, with the assistance of conference and district officers and secretaries, for presentation to the conference executive committee;
3. To suggest reporting procedures for such a simplified form.

The committee recommends that it be allowed to prepare a questionnaire, to be sent to every conference and district officer and secretary, and zone leaders, to secure information necessary to determine the need for, and value of, a simplified report and to fulfilling other committee responsibilities outlined above. Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN: Mrs. Watson, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported her committee submits the name of Mrs. Dameron for Historian for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Mouton moved nominations cease and Mrs. Dameron be elected by acclamation. **Motion carried.**

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING: Mrs. Aycock, chairman, reported this committee, composed of Mesdames Dean, Bandel, and Cothren, recommends that each District President write to Mrs. McGowan suggestions for improvement of Officer Training, ten days after their District Meeting. Mrs. Aycock suggested that in recruiting officers, they be told that they will have opportunity to receive training. Mrs. Gallaher asked that she be informed as soon as dates are set.

INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEETING: Mrs. Mouton moved that the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service be invited to attend our Annual Meeting in Lake Charles, at their own expense, provided it meets with the approval of the Official Board of the hostess church. It was recommended that the vote be by ballot. The President appointed Mrs.

Bandel and Mrs. Aycock tellers, who reported 22 eligible voters present. Tellers reported 18 "yes" and 3 "no". **Motion carried.**

WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE was attended by Mrs. Dameron, who gave the following report: The first World Methodist Conference was held 85 years ago in London. This year when the 2,090 delegates from 64 countries gathered for the 11th World Methodist Conference, they represented a Methodist community of more than 40,000,000 persons. The meeting was held in Westminster Central Hall, the largest Methodist Church in England. Neither the Council nor the Conference is a legislative body. Rather they are consultative and provide a forum in which great issues which are being talked about on local and national levels may be discussed on an international basis. The theme of the Conference was **God in Our World**. All areas of life came under the survey of the delegates, including such topics as over-population, human relations, the Christian Faith in the light of scientific developments; and God and the world of nations. The tone of the Conference was one of positive faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ and the future of the Church as God's chosen instrument for fulfilling his purpose in the world. The ever-arching emphasis was that of ecumenism. In every address, this emphasis was made. In addition there were five official observers from the Roman Catholic Church and representatives from all the major Protestant denominations. A committee from the World Methodist Council was appointed to hold conversations with a similar group from the Roman Church. The uniqueness of the conference lay in its truly world-wide dimension, with representatives from some 30 different Methodist groups, all bearing witness to their common religious heritage, stemming from the Wesleyan Movement in England. The new president of the Conference is Bishop Odd Hagen of Norway. He succeeds Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, who has served for the last five years.

CONVOCATION ON WORSHIP was attended by Mrs. Mouton in Baltimore. She reported that it was an observance of the Bi-Centennial of Methodism, which carried one back through the years of a heritage. The theme was "Renewal Through Worship" and was developed by ways in which we worship through Communion, Prayer, Public Worship, Music, Literature, and Architecture. Delegates visited Asbury's grave where a ceremony was held as a five-foot capsule was buried. It contained many things about our present age and will be opened one-hundred years from now. One human interest item was that a seventy-year old Methodist Minister rode a horse to the Convocation and his daughter flew her plane from Indiana to meet him.

RESOLUTIONS: "This is a new day, and we are in times of changing patterns. The Committee on Resolutions would like the privilege of adopting a new form, leaving out the 'whereas's and therefore's.'"

"We, of the Executive Committee, recognize the 'labors of love' given us from each concerned person, too numerous to mention each by name. Realizing this love, expressed, we would like to repeat these words of our Savior, Jesus Christ, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant' and pray that the love and joy of the Holy Spirit fill all those who have contributed to these meetings.'"

Mrs. Robert Compton
Mrs. John Nelson
Mrs. Robert Bingham, Chairman

JOURNAL: Mrs. Dameron reported that the committee would edit the minutes before they are sent out.

MISS DAILY suggested that in our Christian Vocations we remember to recruit young

people for Church Publicity, along with Missionaries and Directors of Religious Education.

REVEREND RALPH CAIN, secretary of Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church, 3021 Curtis Lane, Shreveport, will send you a 1966 Louisiana Journal for \$2.00, announced Mrs. McGowan. Mrs. Clayton, secretary of membership cultivation, suggested this is a fine source for finding churches which do not have societies, and the district officers can help with their organization.

MRS. HOWE was asked by the President to represent us at the meeting of the Commission on Methodist Information and Public Affairs in Shreveport on October 22nd.

LOUISIANA ORGANIZATION FOR STATE LEGISLATION was attended by Mrs. Gardner in the spring when Mr. Mark Lower, Executive Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, was introduced as president along with the other new officers. She reported discussing with Mr. Lower her disappointment in the value of this meeting and he agreed that it really was a waste of time for those attending, and asked he be given a chance to present better programs. Mrs. Gardner was unable to attend the meeting on October 5, but had received a letter from Mrs. Hotalen, our representative, stating it was very interesting.

LOUISIANA MORAL AND CIVIC FOUNDATION: Mrs. Mouton asked that we study and use the Bulletins which are sent to us, as members of the Executive Committee, and to all local presidents and secretaries of Christian Social Relations. She also asked that we urge our churches to send in the 25¢ per member to be used for promotion.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Mrs. Mouton pointed out that each society should have an officer responsible for promoting this part of the program. Sargent Shriver spoke at the Spring Meeting, telling of many things we could do to help in the Poverty Program. She said that much of the opposition to this program is based on misinformation.

DULAC: Mrs. Thomas reported there would be a Board Meeting on October 20th. Rev. Moon supervised a Head Start Program this past summer which was very successful. The government does not now supply funds for this program, but they plan to continue it and hope they can secure funds later. There is a new U.S.-2 worker there.

ST. MARKS: Mrs. Gallaher reported that Miss Louise Sharp is the new Director. It was decided to have the O.E.O. Program. Miss Straley (retired) is teaching there. The pool and office were completed and in use this summer. Funds were sent in memory of Mr. Tackaberry. They had to borrow \$1,000.00 to finish paying for the pool, so they are having a rummage sale on the 28th to raise funds for this debt.

MacDONELL: Mrs. Thomas reported that two house mothers were injured in an accident and they are short of staff at this time. They are Mrs. Irma Jenkins and Mrs. Mary Stone, 1210 E. Main St., Houma, La.

SAGER BROWN: Mrs. Fox reported that the local secretary of Christian Vocations had arranged for three of the U.S.-2 workers to talk to the young people and had found them very inspiring. The new buildings have made it possible to develop a good and progressive program. Mrs. Clayton commented that the school is held in high esteem because the children coming out of the school make good citizens.

THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY was attended by many of the women present and each was given an opportunity to report the highlight of the meeting for her. There was great variety of interest and inspiration in these reports, which gave all a feeling that "we were there" and "called to renewal and service".

MRS. MC GOWAN read the poem "Happiness" and closed the Mid-year Meeting with prayer.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Recording Secretary

Approved: Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Mrs. George Thomas

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Lake Charles, Louisiana - March 14, 1967

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1967 at the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, with the president, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding. The opening session was preceded by meetings of the various committees, with a supper served Monday evening at the Wesley Foundation by the Lake Charles District officers.

THE OPENING MEDITATION was given by Mrs. John Howe speaking of Mary and Martha, reminding us that Jesus had said "One thing is needful". We, too, need to be able to say "We believe".

ROLL CALL by the recording secretary showed the following present: Mesdames C. B. McGowan, J. B. Mouton, T. E. Hampton, Carl Gallaher, Robert Bingham, W. B. Gardner, Garland Dean, Jr., John Oldham, Robert Reich, John L. Howe, Jr., L. C. Aycock, Charles Giessen, G. W. Dameron, Wideman Watson, B. E. Thibodeaux, T. C. Young, Clifford Ratliff, John Nelson, Gilbert Bandel, George H. Thomas, Charles Cain, B. E. Fox, Sr., Robert Compton, Ed Andrus, Jesse R. Porter, Don Wineinger, J. W. Boyd, V. W. Cothren, Charles Robards, George Tigner, T. E. Kirkpatrick, and J. R. Kavanaugh. A motion was made by Mrs. Thomas that appropriate communications be sent to those who were absent. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS were read from Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. W. E. Trice, and the Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Mrs. McGowan said that Bishop Walton had sent his regrets, and also Mrs. McSween. Mrs. Mouton said she had a call from Mrs. Whitaker who sent her greetings. Mrs. Dameron reported that Mrs. Campbell, mother of Mrs. Dorothy Tatum, was very ill. Mrs. Kirkpatrick reported that Mrs. Nell Patterson's mother had died.

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE were read and approved. (as printed on page 24 of this report)

MRS. MOUTON moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes, since they had been mailed. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Tigner moved the minutes be approved as corrected. **Motion carried.**

MISS GEORGIA DAILY was introduced by Mrs. McGowan who thanked her for the nice publicity she had been giving to us.

MRS. MCGOWAN announced that we were to elect another alternate delegate to the South Central Jurisdiction. Also three persons and one alternate are to be elected to be considered for election to the Board of Missions.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED for lunch at the home of Mrs. Stephen Planché, served by the Society of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. The committee reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

MRS. GIESSEN reported the role of **Missionary Personnel** in the Woman's Society is changing as revealed in recent meetings she attended, and asked the women to ponder upon them: (1) Church members, that is the baptized community of believers, are called people of God in ministry; (2) Vocation is being defined as God's call to every man and his response through a totally committed Christian life; (3) It is possible to express a Christian Vocation through a secular occupation or through a church-related occupation but they do not equate; (4) Secretaries of Missionary Personnel are to inform rather than recruit. They are charged with acquainting the church with personnel needs and opportunities of service through the Mission Board and other church-related occupations. Their task is that of extending the call so that persons may hear, heed, and respond; (5) Actual studies have revealed that candidates who are really interested in serving as deaconesses, missionaries, or short termers will take the initiative to contact the Office of Missionary Personnel. This does not mean that we need not keep in touch with persons who have expressed an interest in church-related occupations, but that we will no longer be using the color card system of channeling names. (6) From the time a person becomes an accepted candidate, or short-termers, until he is commissioned, special love, prayer, and interest should be manifest, since this is a crucial period. (7) Many young people are not answering the call to serve in a church-related occupation because parents, grandparents, and sometimes even members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are making it difficult for them to act upon their own convictions. (8) The home bears a distinct responsibility in the occupational decisions made by young people. (9) The Methodist Church offers work in some seventy professional fields with new ministries continually emerging. (10) This year the Church needs: 2,100 for the pastoral ministry and specialized ministries, 350 for the missionary service at home and abroad, 5000 for the health and welfare service of the church, 250 for Christian Education in local churches, and 1230 for college teachers and student religious leaders.

MRS. MCGOWAN thanked the group for sending her to the meetings of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions. From the discussion groups available, she chose the one on Program and Education which proved to be informative and inspiring. She reported she was deeply moved while witnessing the commissioning of Deaconesses, which included Mrs. Peach from Louisiana. She read excerpts from a few letters which had been written by local women to the Division and told how they were discussed and evaluated, letting it be known that the voice of the local woman is heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM was briefly reviewed by Mrs. Reich, who stated that Mrs. Bandel would substitute for Mrs. Clayton. Mrs. McGowan reviewed platform seating during the Annual Meeting.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES: Mrs. Howe said the next issue, coming out about May 1st, will be promotion for the School of Christian Mission and Guild Weekend. Mrs.

Gardner, business manager, announced that new subscriptions start June 1.

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES
Financial Statement — 1966-67

RECEIPTS:

Received from GUILD TIMES	\$406.03	
Received from Subscriptions	<u>577.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$983.03

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional expense	63.21	
Paid to Conference Treasurer	<u>669.82</u>	
TOTAL		<u>733.03</u>

BALANCE **\$250.00**

Balance in bank March 10, 1967 \$250.00

Cost of printing and distributing four issues of THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES:

Printing	\$1,103.64
Postage	71.61
Mailing Permit	75.00
Supplies	<u>30.70</u>
TOTAL	\$1,280.95

Number of subscriptions — 576

ANNUAL REPORT chairman, Mrs. Hampton, reported this committee had met and considered the ever-increasing cost of printing the report as revealed by bids received, and would remind the officers to limit reports to 200 words or less. Other items will be condensed where possible and only 800 copies will be printed. It is suggested that local presidents make the report available to all its members and keep a file of the back issues in their church library.

YOUTH MISSION TOUR chairman, Mrs. Oldham, reported that the tour would leave from Baton Rouge on the morning of June 5 and go to the Southeastern part of the country around Lake Junaluska; going on down to Miami, and return on the 17th. Applications are coming in very rapidly.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Mrs. Dameron, in the absence of Mrs. McSween, presented the following recommendations: (changes are set in bold type)

Standing Rules of the Conference

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Amend Standing Rule 9, to read:

The president may attend **the** annual meetings of the Woman's Division **and the Board of Missions** one time during her term of office at conference expense. (Amended March 1967)

Amend Standing Rule 20, to read:

Expenses of **two** cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian

Mission shall be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district shall assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates. (Amended March 1967)

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Amend Standing Rule 25: (Complete rewording. Amended March 1967)

Each district in which a National Division Project is located, shall have a committee, composed of the District Treasurer, the District Secretary of Supply Work, and the District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, whose duties shall be to visit such projects within the district and to keep in touch with the workers employed in them. (Amended March 1967)

Delete Standing Rule 26. (Approved March 1967)

Amend Rule 27 by renumbering to Rule 26. (Amended March 1967)

Amend Rule 28 by renumbering to Rule 27. (Amended March 1967)

Amend Rule 29 by renumbering to Rule 28. (Amended March 1967)

Amend Rule 30 by renumbering to Rule 29. (Amended March 1967)

Mrs. Dameron moved the acceptance of the recommendations. **Motion carried.**

SIMPLIFIED REPORT FOR SMALL SOCIETIES: Recommendations were presented by Mrs. Dameron. This was preceded by explanations from her, Mrs. Gardner, and Mrs. Dean of the evaluation and findings from the questionnaires; also the reasoning leading to the recommendations, which will be mailed to every local society using the simplified report forms during the 1967-68 trial year. Mrs. Dameron moved that each section of the report and recommendations be approved. **Motion carried.**

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, Mrs. Watson, asked for submission of names for consideration for offices to be filled in 1968.

SECRETARY OF CAMPUS MINISTRY, Mrs. Bingham, reported on her attendance of the Convocation held at L.S.U., which was also attended by the District Superintendents and Campus Ministers.

DISTRICT OFFICERS TRAINING was announced by Mrs. Aycock for April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Pineville. She expressed appreciation to all district executive committees for their cooperation in sending in suggestions for improving the training, and said that all were given much thought and consideration. She urged each person participating to prepare herself that she may get the most benefit from the day's activities.

SELF-STUDY will follow District Officers Training at 6:30 p.m. and continue until noon on the 19th. Mrs. Howe urged that reservations be made immediately for those who will be staying overnight. She also reminded the women to read "The Feminine Crisis in a Christian Faith".

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS were made by Mrs. McGowan as follows: **Journal:** Mesdames Kirkpatrick and Cothren; **Courtesies:** Mesdames Gardner, Thibodeaux, and Fox; **Tellers:** Mesdames Thomas, Ratliff, and Wineinger. Mrs. Thomas asked the District Presidents to appoint a Distributing and Counting Teller from her district. These were

made as follows: **Alexandria:** Distributing, Mrs. Luther Rone; Counting, Mrs. Harvey Henry. **Baton Rouge:** Distributing, Mrs. W. A. Ragan; Counting, Mrs. T. M. Ellis. **Lafayette:** Distributing, Mrs. W. F. Atkinson; Counting, Mrs. Henry Bernard. **Lake Charles:** Distributing, Mrs. Horace Dennison; Counting, Mrs. Ross Walters. **Monroe:** Distributing, Mrs. Roscoe Jones; Counting, Mrs. H. B. Wiggers, Sr. **New Orleans:** Distributing, Mrs. A. S. Harris; Counting, Mrs. M. D. Fyfe. **Ruston:** Distributing, Mrs. Vernon Lay; Counting, Mrs. J. J. Caraway. **Shreveport:** Distributing, Mrs. Wayne Givens; Counting, Mrs. Robert Hill.

COMMITTEE RECESSED for dinner served at the Oak Park Methodist Church by the Woman's Society there, whose president is Mrs. Frank Keyes.

DR. LUMAN DOUGLAS, director of the Area Council, explained its purpose is to correlate the programs and activities of the Boards, Committees, and Agencies of the Conference. He answered many questions and explained many areas of the work of the Council.

MRS. MCGOWAN announced that Mrs. Aycock had been appointed to the MacDonell Board, and Mrs. Howe has been asked to serve on the planning committee for the Regional School of Missions.

METHODIST INFORMATION WORKSHOP was attended by Mrs. Howe who reported it to have been very helpful and stressed the question, "Is the publicity you are sending in doing what you want it to do?"

WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS was attended by Mrs. Giessen who reported discussions on Manpower—Methodism—Motivation, and Facts—Functions—Futures. She pointed out that "second careers" can fill a great need for workers in the church when retirees meet this need.

JUSTICE IN THE COURTS was discussed by Mrs. Wineinger who pointed out areas of injustice such as selection of jury, sentencing, and parole. She suggested that women should visit the courts to see what is going on and if injustices are being done.

A MISSION WORKSHOP was attended by Mrs. Dean who reported Bishop Newell S. Booth, former missionary to Africa, said there were large numbers of volunteers but many fall by the wayside due to deadening influence in the home and church.

AN EDUCATING FOR ECUMENISM WORKSHOP followed the one above and Mrs. Dean reported the purposes of this were to provide some factual knowledge concerning ecumenical progress and problems, to suggest what might be done on conference and regional levels for ecumenical education, and to share examples of effective local ecumenical action. The Methodist Church is involved in several conversations related to church union. It is highly important that we keep alert to what is being said. The unifying thread of our approved studies for the coming year is Ecumenism.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE chairman, Mrs. Gallaher, read the following recommendations which were individually adopted on her motion: (1) That we accept the District Pledges to the Conference as adjusted. (2) That up to \$150.00 be allowed for expenses for a representative to attend the consultation on the church in Community Life in Columbus, Ohio, September 5-8, 1967. (3) That up to \$200.00 be allowed for expenses for a representative to attend the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women at Purdue University July 13-16, 1967. (4) That recommendation No. 6 made at Mid-Year Meeting be rescinded, and the following substituted: A. That \$200.00 be allowed for the Conference Self-Study which will be held for the Conference Executive Committee, the Dis-

strict Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation from each district. B. That each person participating in the Conference Self-Study pay the expense of the Tuesday evening meal and Wednesday breakfast. (5) That Mrs. McGowan be reimbursed the \$55.00 for her expenses to the meeting of the Board of Missions which she attended. (6) That the offering taken at the 27th Annual Meeting each evening be given to missions in honor of the Directors of our Projects and the Missionaries appearing on our Annual Meeting Program.

QUADRENNIAL NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS, which will make plans for the next four years, will be held August 1-10 in Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Gardner was elected to represent the Conference and an alternate was discussed. Mrs. Dameron moved that Mrs. Gardner determine if a district officer is eligible to be elected an alternate to this meeting, and the Administrative Committee be authorized to elect this person. *Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION SOCIETY will be held May 5, 6, and 7 at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas. Mrs. Watson will coordinate the car pools.

REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION will be held in Dallas, Texas June 19-23, 1967. Mrs. Gardner will coordinate the carpools. Details of the courses and instructors will be mailed.

JURISDICTIONAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE will be held July 31-August 3. Mrs. McGowan stated that if any district feels they can send their secretary of Missionary Education, it is permissible, but there are no Conference or National funds available for this purpose.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE has received an invitation, through Mrs. Aycock from Mrs. A. C. McMullen, president of the New Iberia Society, to hold the Mid-Year Meeting in their church on October 10 and 11, 1967. *Invitation accepted.*

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION will be held July 17-21 at Centenary College in Shreveport. Mrs. Howe announced details of courses and instructors will be found in packets. She reminded Conference officers to come in for a Sunday evening meeting on July 16th.

STATE MEETING OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will be held in New Orleans. Mrs. Cothren was elected to represent the Conference.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS were asked by Mrs. Gallaher to remind the local societies that MacDonell gifts should be put in their budget again this year. However, pledge to Missions should come first. Mrs. Howe announced that dedication of the new building will be on Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING WORKSHOP will be held April 4 and 5 at University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, La., announced Mrs. Howe, who is chairing this committee and being assisted by Mrs. McGowan. This is one of twelve "Hub Workshops" being held and will be followed by "Spin-off Workshops" in the Fall.

CONFERENCE ON YOUTH MORAL CONCERNS SEMINAR will be held at First Methodist Church in Shreveport June 12-16, announced Mrs. Thomas.

ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH WOMEN will be held July 13-16 at Purdue University. Mrs. Mouton was asked to represent the Conference.

NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY LIFE will be held in Columbus, Ohio on September 5-8, 1967. Mrs. Thomas was elected to represent the Conference. Mrs. Thibodeaux was elected to serve as an alternate.

The session adjourned with prayer led by Dr. Cooke.

WEDNESDAY

A **QUIET TIME** apart for the Executive Committee was conducted by Mrs. Howe in the Chapel, with Mrs. Compton at the organ.

Luncheon was enjoyed with the arriving delegates in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

POST-CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, March 15, 1967

Immediately following the close of the 27th Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met for lunch and final session.

MRS. J. H. MCSWEEN, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, sent her resignation, which was accepted with regret. Mrs. Gallaher nominated Mrs. Dameron, who was elected by acclamation.

THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS expressed a desire to have a missionary itinerate available for their Annual Meetings. Mrs. Kirkpatrick moved that arrangements be made to have a missionary itinerate to the Annual District Meetings in 1968. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Hampton moved that Mrs. Dean be given authority to work out the schedule. **Motion carried.**

THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM announced the election of Mrs. Reich as chairman. She announced that the committee had requested her to invite Bishop Walton and Miss Dorothy McConnell to participate in the 1968 Annual Meeting.

THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION announced the selection of Mrs. W. B. Gardner as Dean and Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick as Chairman of Arrangements for the 1968 School. The Registrar and Housing Chairman will be selected later.

MRS. LASKEY, having been presented by Mrs. McGowan, complimented the Conference on its accomplishments. She then spoke informally of some of our problems, possible changes being discussed, and stressed the importance of our being well informed on all issues. She suggested that we may be able to reach more of our younger women if we could streamline our Annual Meeting to only one night away from home, and recommended that this be given serious consideration.

THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Laskey.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, President
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Recording Secretary

Approved: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. V. W. Cothren

Program

Woman's Society of Christian Service

"Total Mission to a Total World"

Wednesday, March 15, 1967

AFTERNOON SESSION

"O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling
To tell to all the world that God is Light"

- 1:30 Organ Prelude "Thy Kingdom Come" Willian
Theme hymn "God of Love and God of Power" No. 153
Convening of the Twenty-Seventh
Annual Meeting Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Scripture and Prayer Mrs. Robert Compton
Welcome and Introduction
of Committee Chairman Mrs. W. W. Poxton
Presentation of Program Mrs. R. S. Reich
Business
Report of Recording Secretary Mrs. Thomas Hampton
Recommendations from Executive Committees
Appointment of Committees
Report of Committee on Constitution
and By-Laws Mrs. J. H. McSween
Report of the Treasurer and Recommendations
from Committee on Finance Mrs. Cori Galloher
Announcements
Hymn "O Zion Haste" No. 299
Report of District Presidents
"Louisiano in Missions" Mrs. George Tigner, Jr.
President's Messoge "Listening" Mrs. C. B. McGowon
Closing Prayer The Reverend Hubert Gibbs
- 6:00 Dinner, First Methodist Church
Presiding Mrs. L. C. Aycock
Sager-Brown School, Miss Rosie Ann Cobb and Mrs. Edna
Ridley

EVENING SESSION

"Where'er they heal the maimed and blind
Let love of Christ attend. . ."

- 7:45 Organ Prelude "Adagio" Mendelssohn
Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" No. 20
Scripture and Prayer Dr. G. W. Pomeroy
Offering
Anthem Adult Bell Choir of First Methodist Church
Don Allured, Director
Address "Medical Mission" Dr. Paul Brand
Dr. Margaret Brand
Benediction Dr. G. W. Pomeroy

Thursday, March 16, 1967

MORNING SESSION

"Where cross the crowded ways of life
Where sound the cries of race and clan
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man!"

- 8:45 Organ Prelude "Pastorale" Purvis
Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" No. 153

Scripture and Prayer Mrs. Charles Giessen
 Business
 Bailoting—Nominee for Membership on Board of Missions
 Presentation of Church Women United Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
 St. Mark's Community Center Miss Louise Sharp
 Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" No. 204
 Pledge Service "Light to a Total World" Mrs. Carl Gallaher
 Meditation "Commitment for Total Mission" Mrs. G. W. Dameron

12:30 Luncheon, First Methodist Church
 Presiding Mrs. Max Clayton
 "Take a Towel" Conference Officers

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Inspire our ways of learning . . . and let our daily living reveal Thee everywhere"

2:00 Dialogue Discussion Group
 Ecumenicity Mrs. Harry Hollins
 Mrs. Don Sigur
 Mrs. Sheldon Rosenthal
 Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Chairman
 Place of the Missionary in Emerging Nations Mrs. Larry Pleimann
 Mrs. John Howe, Jr., Chairman
 Youth and the Christian Mission The Reverend Joseph Thomas
 Mrs. Robert Bingham, Chairman
 Responsibility of the Christian Woman in Politics Elayn Hunt
 Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman
 "Talk-back Films" The Hangman
 The Detached Americans
 Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman
 Role of the Laity in the Church Mr. Larry Pleimann
 Mrs. Max Clayton, Chairman
 Visit with a Missionary Couple
 The Reverend ad Mrs. Carlos Welch
 Mrs. Garland Dean, Chairman

3:30 Sharing Session
 Hymn "Go Make of All Disciples" No. 342
 Report from Dialogue Groups
 Closing Prayer Miss Norma Garlington

6:00 Dinner, First Methodist Church
 Presiding Mrs. C. B. McGowan
 Honoring Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and District Officers

EVENING SESSION

"A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify"

7:45 Organ Prelude Two Choral Preludes Johannes Brahms
 Hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" No. 150
 Scripture and Prayer Dr. R. Leonard Cooke
 Offering
 Anthem Selection from "Requiem" Johannes Brahms
 Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church
 Don Allured, Director
 Address "Revelations—1967" Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
 Benediction Dr. R. Leonard Cooke

8:00 Youth Rally University Methodist Church
 Presiding Mrs. John Oldham
 Address Mr. Larry Pleimann

Friday, March 17, 1967

MORNING SESSION

"Christ for the world we sing
The world to Christ we bring"

8:45	Organ Prelude "Beautiful Savior"	Arr. Christiansen
	Hymn "God of Love and God of Power"	No. 153
	Scripture and Prayer	Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.
	Business	
	Report of Committees	
	Report of Registration	
	Place of Meeting, 1968	
	Resolutions	
	"That the World May Know"	Mr. Larry Pleimann
		The Reverend Carlos Welch
	Report of the Wesleyan Service Guild	Miss Mildred Evans
	Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing"	No. 292
	Meditation "The Gift of the Message"	Mrs. G. W. Dameron
	Holy Communion	Dr. G. W. Pomeray
		Reverend M. W. Merrill, Dr. Leonard Cooke
	Benediction	
	Adjournment	

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE

Woman's Society of Christian Service

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Lake Charles, Louisiana - March 15, 16, 17, 1967

The twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 1:30 p.m., March 15, 1967, in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, with the President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, presiding.

Following the organ prelude "Thy Kingdom Come" by Mrs. Clark Carver, Mrs. William Groves led the conference in singing the theme hymn "God of Love and God of Power".

OPENING WORSHIP was led by Mrs. Robert Compton, President of the Lake Charles District, who used Paul's letter to the Corinthians in her message.

A WARM WELCOME was extended to the delegates by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, President of the Woman's Society of the host church. She introduced the general chairman

from the local church, Mrs. Howard Carter, who introduced the many chairmen of this committee. The assemblage was asked to stand in appreciation of the work done by these women and their society.

1967 PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, Mrs. Robert Reich, was presented by Mrs. McGowan. Mrs. Reich announced that all speakers on the program are from Louisiana, or work in the state. She explained the Dialogue Discussion Groups, which have been set up for Thursday afternoon, are designed to give every person an opportunity to actively participate in the program. Referring to the cover on the program, she quoted from the poem, "He Has No Hands but My Hands", and expressed the opinion that as our meeting progresses, we would all realize our "TOTAL MISSION TO A TOTAL WORLD".

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE were read by Mrs. T. E. Hampton, Conference Recording Secretary, and those approved were: (1) Appointment by the Administrative Committee of Mrs. J. F. Rosett to fill the vacancy occasioned by the moving of Mrs. W. E. Trice from the Conference. (2) Appointment by the Administrative Committee of Mrs. T. E. Hampton to replace Mrs. J. F. Rosett, who found it necessary to resign. (3) Attendance of Mrs. John Oldham, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, at a Regional Workshop to be held in Mobile, Alabama, March 1-3. (4) Election of Mrs. G. W. Dameron as Conference Historian. (5) That the Louisiana Conference sponsor a Mission Tour from June 5 to 16, 1967, with a fee of \$90.00 per person. (6) Attendance of Mrs. Garland Dean at two workshops to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 7-9. Expenses will be provided by the General Board of Missions. (7) Invitation to be extended to the two Woman's Societies of the Evangelical United Brethren, in our Conference, to attend our Annual Meeting in Lake Charles. (8) Participation in a follow-up of the **World Understanding Workshops** which were held in Africa this past summer. Baton Rouge has been chosen as one of the twelve Hub Cities in which a workshop will be held under the sponsorship of the section on Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Howe will serve as chairman and Mrs. McGowan has been asked to serve on the committee. (9) That the New Orleans District pledge be changed to \$21,905.00, making the total pledge to missions \$143,250.00. (10) That recommendation No. 6 of the Mid-year Minutes be rescinded for clarification and the following substituted: A. That \$200.00 be allowed for the Conference Self-Study which will be held for the Conference Executive Committee, the District Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation from each district. B. That each person participating in the Conference Self-Study pay the expense of the Tuesday evening meal and Wednesday breakfast. (11) That up to \$150.00 be allowed for expenses for a representative to attend the Consultation on the Church in Community Life in Columbus, Ohio, September 5-8, 1967. (12) That up to \$200.00 be allowed for expenses for a representative to attend the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women at Purdue University July 13-16, 1967. (13) That Mrs. C. B. McGowan be reimbursed the \$55.00 for her expenses to the meeting of the Board of Missions which she attended. (14) That the offering taken at the 27th Annual Meeting each evening be given to Missions in honor of the Directors of our Projects and the missionaries appearing on our Annual Meeting Program.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS were read by the Secretary as follows: **Journal**, Mesdames T. E. Kirkpatrick and V. W. Cothren; **Courtesies**, Mesdames W. B. Gardner, B. E. Thibodeaux, and B. E. Fox; **Tellers**, Mesdames George H. Thomas, Clifford Ratliff, and Don Wineinger. **Alexandria**: Distributing, Mrs. Luther Rone; Counting, Mrs. Harvey Henry. **Baton Rouge**: Distributing, Mrs. W. A. Ragan; Counting, Mrs. T. M. Ellis. **Lafayette**: Distributing, Mrs. W. F. Atkinson; Counting, Mrs. Henry Bemard. **Lake Charles**: Distributing, Mrs. Horace Dennison; Counting, Mrs. Ross Walters. **Monroe**: Distributing, Mrs. Roscoe Jones; Counting, Mrs. H. B. Wiggers, Sr.

New Orleans: Distributing, Mrs. A. B. Harris; Counting, Mrs. M. D. Fyfe. Ruston: Distributing, Mrs. Vernon Lay; Counting, Mrs. J. J. Caraway. Shreveport: Distributing, Mrs. Wayne Givens; Counting, Mrs. Robert Hill.

TREASURER, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, reported that our giving to missions was \$2,524.00 less this year than last year at this time and indicates that we should make every effort to pay our pledge in full, encourage extra gifts being applied on pledge, and suggest the giving of special and honorary memberships. The amount of money approved by the Board of Missions for the nine projects in Louisiana is \$158,313.00, which represents our pledge, plus part from the other Conferences, which is returned to our state.

COMMUNICATIONS were read from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. T. Luster James, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Miss Ethel Alston, and First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

MRS. MCGOWAN recognized members of the Woman's Society of the Evangelical United Brethren in this Conference and bid them welcome. She also recognized Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, People's Methodist Community Center; Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Sager-Brown School; Rev. Jerry Moon, Dulac Community Center; and Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Business Girls' Inn.

THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, led by Mrs. George Tigner in Choral Reading, described the work done in the various districts. This presentation was entitled "Louisiana in Missions". Soloist, Miss Jean Kuder, sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".

VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, was asked to preside at this time and she introduced to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, for the first time, as President, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, giving a few of her varied accomplishments in Church and Civic areas. The body stood in recognition of the President.

MRS. MCGOWAN expressed her appreciation for the opportunity given to her to represent the Conference at the 7th Assembly, and to have recently been a guest of the Woman's Division and Board of Missions at their Annual Meetings. Immediately preceding this meeting, Bishop Walton called to express regret that he could not be present because of a conflicting schedule. Mrs. McGowan then delivered the President's Message, entitled "Listening". (on page 59 of this report).

CLOSING PRAYER was given by Rev. Hubert Gibbs, Associate Pastor of the host Church.

DINNER was served in Fellowship Hall, with Mrs. L. C. Aycock presiding. Invocation was given by Miss Louise Sharp. Mrs. Aycock presented Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, superintendent of Sager-Brown School. She introduced another member of the staff, Mrs. Edna Ridley, who spoke of the programs in the school and some of their accomplishments.

EVENING SERVICE in the Sanctuary was opened with singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", followed by scripture and prayer given by Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, pastor of the host church. The Anthem was rendered by the Adult Bell Choir of the First Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. Don Allured. Mrs. McGowan introduced Dr. Margaret Brand, Chief of Ophthalmology Service, and Dr. Paul Brand, Chief of Rehabilitation Branch, U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, La. Dr. Mar-

garet spoke first, telling of her beginning desire to work in any area except the eyes. She closed her comments urging that we "Open our eyes to see God". Dr. Paul told of many dedicated people who had helped in experiments with rehabilitating leprosy patients. The greatest gift is to "Give of yourself". The service closed with the benediction by Dr. Pomeroy.

THURSDAY

Following the organ prelude by Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Groves led the group in singing the theme hymn "God of Love and God of Power". Mrs. Charles Giessen, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel, gave the meditation taken from Psalm of David, and stressed that we "Lift our hearts in praise to God".

The President asked the Recording Secretary to read the Standing Rule establishing the eligible voters in the Annual Meeting. This was done and seats were assigned to the voting delegates. The President announced that we needed to elect a fourth alternate delegate to the South Central Jurisdiction to replace Mrs. Trice who had moved from the Conference. Mrs. Robert Bingham and Mrs. John Oldham were nominated. Mrs. Thomas, chairman of the Tellers, gave instructions to the voting delegates. The ballots were passed out, cast, collected, sealed in an envelope, and turned over to the Secretary.

The Secretary was asked to read the section of the Constitution and Bylaws establishing the need for electing three women (and one alternate) for nomination for membership on the Board of Missions, to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The nominees were: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Garland Dean, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. George Thomas. Ballots were cast and the Counting Tellers retired to count the ballots.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF LOUISIANA: Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Vice-president, presented Mrs. Major Walter Drissell, from the Salvation Army, to serve as reader for "One Lord, One Faith, One Birth". She was assisted by eleven women representing six denominations, in explaining the purpose and structure of Church Women United. Mrs. W. F. Atkinson, Lafayette; Mrs. Wade Stonecipher, Baton Rouge; Mrs. James Harris, New Orleans; Mrs. Ed Midlam, Lake Charles; and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Shreveport; reported work being done by the Church Women United in their respective cities. Mrs. Glenn Laskey, active in the National organization, and Mrs. Ed Jackson, State President of Church Women United, were recognized and asked to come to the rostrum. The Reverend Father Kenneth Bienvenue spoke of the Catholic Church cooperating in many areas of service. The presentation closed with singing "The Church's One Foundation".

MRS. LASKEY was officially presented, by Mrs. McGowan, as President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. She also recognized Mrs. George Sexton, first President of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Harold Hines from the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

THE TELLER'S REPORT was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Thomas, who announced that Mrs. Bingham had been elected as the fourth alternate to the Jurisdiction Society, receiving 81 votes and Mrs. Oldham receiving 79.

Mrs. Thomas also reported the following had received the highest number of votes as nominees for nomination to the Board of Missions: Mrs. Dameron 160, Mrs. Dean 107, Mrs. Kilpatrick 102, and Mrs. Thomas 91. Mrs. Mouton moved that the three receiving the highest number of votes on the next ballot become the nominees and the

fourth will be the alternate. *Motion carried.* Ballots were cast and the Counting Tellers retired.

MISS LOUISE SHARP, Director of St. Mark's Community Center, reported on work in the center and stated that drastic and rapid changes in the neighborhood may make it necessary to re-evaluate the nature of the program and location of the center. She also announced that the Tackaberry Memorial Pool will be dedicated sometime this summer.

THE PLEDGE SERVICE was conducted by Mrs. Gallaher, who used the scripture, "YOU are the light of the World". The District Treasurers assisted in developing the theme, "Light to a Total World", and presented pledges amounting to \$143,250.00, in front of a large world, lighted by small bulbs at locations of work done by the Woman's Division. Mrs. McGowan accepted this pledge from the districts and the service closed as Mrs. Groves sang "Walk in the Light".

THE MORNING SESSION CONCLUDED with Mrs. Dameron's meditation, "Commitment for a Total Mission", which suggested lifting commitment out of generalities and making it a reality. Reading from Mark, "You shall love the Lord thy God with ALL thy heart, with ALL thy soul and with ALL thy might", she stressed that nothing less is needed and nothing less will suffice.

THE LUNCHEON, with Mrs. Reich presiding in the absence of Mrs. Max Clayton, presented "Take a Towel", assisted by the Conference Officers. Mrs. Charles Robards and Mrs. Gilbert Bandel served as substitutes.

DIALOGUE DISCUSSION GROUPS marked the convening of the afternoon sessions: **Ecumenicity** with Mrs. Mouton serving as chairman and Mesdames Harry Hollins, Don Sigur, and Sheldon Rosenthal participating; **Place of the Missionary in Emerging Nations** with Mrs. Howe serving as chairman and Mrs. Larry Pleiman, a returned missionary from Africa, making the presentation; **Youth and the Christian Mission** with Mrs. Bingham serving as chairman and the Reverend Joseph Thomas, Director of McNeese Wesley Foundation, the speaker; **Responsibility of the Christian Woman in Politics** with Mrs. Gardner serving as chairman and Mrs. Elayn Hunt, Baton Rouge attorney, the resource person; **Talk-Back Films** with Mrs. C. R. McCammon serving as chairman, used "The Hangman" and "The Detached Americans"; **Role of the Laity in the Church** with Mrs. Bandel replacing Mrs. Clayton as chairman and presenting the speaker, Mr. Larry Pleimann, a recently returned missionary from Africa; **Visit with a Missionary Couple**, the Reverend and Mrs. Carlos Welch, missionaries from India, were introduced by Mrs. Dean. They shared their experiences and answered questions. ALL GROUPS returned to the Sanctuary and shared the highlights of their discussions.

THE TELLERS' REPORT on the election of Nominees for the Board of Missions was given by Mrs. Thomas as follows: Mrs. Dameron 167, Mrs. Dean 130, Mrs. Kilpatrick 129, and Mrs. Thomas 101. The first three will be the nominees and the fourth will be the alternate.

The afternoon session closed with prayer.

A BUFFET DINNER honoring Mrs. Laskey and the District Officers, was served in Fellowship Hall with Mrs. McGowan presiding. The tables were festive with spring flowers and miniature spring hats which had been made by Mrs. McGowan and her friends. All enjoyed the folk songs by "The Group".

THE EVENING SESSION was opened with the hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have", followed by scripture reading from the fourth chapter of Luke and prayer by Dr. R. Leonard Cooke, District Superintendent. The Chancel Choir of the host church under the direction of Mr. Don Allured, sang an Anthem Selection from "Requiem". Mrs. Laskey delivered the message for the evening, "Revelations - 1967", outlining the program coverage of the Woman's Society for the current year as follows: The Inclusive Church, Social Justice, Education, and Understanding of and Participation in the Ecumenical Movement. Speaking of the finances, she said Thirty Million Dollars was the giving of the women, who pay one-third of the salary of every missionary. She reminded every Christian that he is committed to missions wherever the church is and that "He has sent ME". The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Cooke.

A YOUTH RALLY was held during the evening at the University Methodist Church with Mrs. Oldham presiding. Mr. Pleimann addressed the 275 young people in attendance.

FRIDAY

"GOD OF LOVE AND GOD OF POWER", the theme hymn, opened the morning session. Mrs. Mouton brought the meditation from the second chapter of Isaiah and 25th chapter of Matthew, and led the prayer. Mrs. McGowan introduced Mrs. A. A. Knox, Women's Editor of the *Louisiana Methodist*. Mrs. McGowan announced that the offering had been \$435.00, and \$195.00 had been realized from the sale of the cor-sages for missions. Both amounts will be used for Missions in honor of our guest speakers and missionaries as formerly stipulated.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE Chairman, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, reported minutes examined through last night's session had been approved.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MISSION TOUR Chairman, Mrs. Oldham, reported 28 applications from 19 churches had been received. She said it was interesting to note that they are coming from families and churches which have participated in the tours before, which indicates that the youth who make the tour are talking about it.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES staff, represented by Mrs. Gardner, expressed appreciation of cooperation of all, and asked that Presidents' names and addresses be sent to Mrs. John Howe. The four issues come out in July, September, January, and May. Renewal subscriptions (due June 1st) should be sent to Mrs. Gardner, P.O. Box 445 Mooringsport, La. 71060, being sure to give complete name and address, including Zip Code. Guild subscriptions should be sent to Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington St., Shreveport, La.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES report was read by Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr., and adopted by a rising vote:

"We feel that the women of the Lake Charles District rolled out the 'red carpet' for the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and we appreciate the 'V.I.P.' treatment.

"The flowers in their beauty and quantity gave us a lovely scented welcome.

"The labors of love of the many people involved in preparing the things related to the physical properties of the meeting was recognizable in that nothing was left undone.

"Those who had the privilege of staying in the homes will long remember the hospitality extended to them.

"The inspiration given by the Conference Officers and Executive Committee as they gathered for work and sharing was an experience we wish every Methodist Woman could share. This was culminated as we gathered for a 'Quiet Time Apart' prior to the convening of the 27th Annual Meeting.

"The District Presidents reported in a most interesting and informing way. Telling of our accomplishments in the past year and reminding us 'God has the Whole World in His Hands' -- and we are His hands.

"As we 'Listened' to the inspiring message of our Conference President, we were reminded of God's commandment, 'Be still and know'.

"The message of Commitment given to us by the Doctors Brand revealed their dedication as God's servants in ministering both to the physical and spiritual needs of the world.

"The challenge of the reports given by the dedicated workers in our projects reminded us to renew our dedication if we are to have a 'Total Mission to a Total World'.

"The presentation of the programs by Church Women United showed the importance of achievement in meeting community needs through United actions.

"The scriptures used in the pledge service and the pledges made by the District Treasurers made us realize 'that light is not given to us to hide' but we are charged 'to be the light of the world'.

"The inspiring meditations by Mrs. Dameron calling us to total commitment to God as a direction and a way of life, will remain with each of us in the days ahead.

"The messages of humility and service were given by the Conference officers in their unique report 'Take a Towel'.

"The involvement of the assembly in the dialogue and discussion groups was most successful and the leadership outstanding.

"As we were privileged to hear 'our own' Mrs. Laskey, president of the Woman's Division, in her address, 'Revelations -- 1967', it made us proud, as Methodist Women, to be a part of the total program of the church.

"Our missionaries, the Reverend and Mrs. Carlos Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann, challenged us as church women to see beyond the confines of our local church to the needs of the peoples of the world, forgetting the past and looking toward the future.

"We are always interested in the work being done by the Wesleyan Service Guild under the capable leadership of Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary.

"The beautiful music was an inspiration to our program.

"It has been stated in the program that the hope of the world lies in the hands of the women of the United States.

"The hope of a successful meeting was in the hands of the women in the Lake Charles District and they fulfilled their task-- We leave their city inspired in our ways of learning and pray that our daily living will reveal Thee everywhere."

Committee on Courtesies

Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Chairman
Mrs. B. E. Thibodeaux
Mrs. B. E. Fox, Sr.

MRS. CHARLES W. STOKES, chairman of registration for the Annual Meeting, reported a total registered attendance of 432, which included the President of the Woman's Division, 1 Jurisdiction Officer, 3 past Conference Presidents, 13 Conference Officers, 1 District Guild Officer, 48 District Officers, 11 Workers, 18 Guests, 217 Visitors, and 145 Delegates from 129 local societies. Five visitors were from the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

MRS. JOE MICKEL, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, extended an invitation for the 1968 Annual Meeting to be held in that church the week of March 12th. She introduced Mrs. John S. Adams, incoming president, who confirmed the invitation and introduced the Shreveport Delegates who will be greeting the Methodist Women of Louisiana on March 12, 1968. The invitation was accepted by the assemblage.

MRS. DAMERON asked for special privilege, which was granted. She wished to remind all church women that lay delegates to the 1968 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference will be elected in the Annual Conference in May, and that neither Mrs. Laskey nor Mrs. McGowan would be delegates by virtue of their office.

EVALUATION SHEETS are important, reminded Mrs. McGowan, and she urged all delegates and visitors to complete them and turn them in.

THE REVEREND AND MRS. WELCH AND MR. AND MRS. PLEIMANN were introduced and each spoke of the changing world in which we and they have found ourselves striving to say things "That the World May Know". Reverend Mr. Welch spoke of the long history of Methodism in India and how they are working now with eight other denominations in an effort for unification. Mr. Pleimann spoke of coming from the Congo with the feeling of being an oasis of plenty in a world of have not and his feeling of anguish and excitement for this situation. The Reverend Mr. Welch pointed out that all are under the love of God in Christ and suggested that the women endeavor to get the men involved in study with them.

MISS MILDRED EVANS, Conference Secretary of the Guild, was introduced by Mrs. McGowan. She reported on the work of the Guild, which was included in her Fall Report and urged that we meet the challenge of a "Total Mission to a Total World" by giving of our time, talents, gifts, and prayers.

THE CLOSING HYMN was "Christ for the World we Sing".

THE GIFT OF THE MESSAGE, the closing meditation, was given by Mrs. Dameron, who reminded that seeds must be planted, and cared for, and blown by the winds of love to cover the world.

HOLY COMMUNION was served by Dr. Pomeroy, assisted by the Reverend M. W. Merrill, pastor of the University Methodist Church, and Dr. Cooke. Dr. Pomeroy pro-

nounced the benediction and Mrs. McGowan declared the 27th Annual Meeting adjourned.

Informal lunch was served to the delegates and guests by the women of the University, Westlake, and Vinton Societies in the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, president
Mrs. T. E. Hampton, secretary

Approved: Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. V. W. Cothren

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LISTENING

There was a stillness in the small hours of the night. All was quiet, then there was the sound of a stealthy step upon the stair, and a squeak as the broken board was stepped upon. Each person in the house was listening — they were acutely aware of the sounds. They listened with fear, with curiosity, with anticipation and with hope depending upon the person listening and whom they thought was on the stair. One person did not awaken, he heard no sound, he wasn't listening.

We are much like these people as we listen to the sounds about us. On our busy super highways and on small roads, traffic lines are well marked. The air lanes are being marked for safety as more and more jet and single engine planes take to the air. With the many sounds that are on the ether waves and only a few reaching the ear, there must also be marked channels through which sound travels with only those coming into one's consciousness as there is a "Tuning In" on the part of the listener.

In the *Miracle of Dialogue* Ruel Howe tells us that the responsibility to hear and listen is a mutual one, that there should be a fellowship of hearers as well as of speakers. He says that the art of dialogue is one by which a person makes himself aware of others.

I looked up the definition of the word listening. According to the dictionary, it is the process of hearing, listening to, recognizing and complementing the spoken word. But it is more than this — just listening to the spoken word. One listens if one is aware of what is being said and by other means — if one has a **listening eye**. The **listening eye** often registers more forcibly on one's consciousness than does the **listening ear**. Have you ever been in a group and studied the facial expressions of the people gathered there, seen the twisting of hands, the one standing alone by a table, eating constantly?

In a book entitled *Are You Listening* by Ralph Nichols and Leonard Stevens was given the results of tests made of the listening ability of several thousand students at the University of Minnesota and of hundreds of business and professional people in adult education. These tests clearly showed that immediately after the average person has listened to someone talk, he remembers only about half of what he heard, no matter how carefully he thought he'd been listening. After two (2) months only about (25) twenty-five percent will be remembered.

The results of a study by Rankin, an educator, showed that we use almost three (3) times the amount of time listening as reading. Certainly this indicates that people need to be trained to listen.

Elnora Malin, author of an article on "The Art of Listening" says that this art is a greatly underrated talent. She says that, "Listening seems to be one of the spiritual attributes for it is silent, meditative and in its perfection, is achieved at the price of prayer".

Perhaps the most important function of listening is to help a friend or a loved one unfold his ideas and feelings in privacy as he pours out his heart.

A taxi driver tells of the woman who jumped into his cab and immediately began telling all of her troubles to him. "Don't tell me your troubles, lady, I've got enough of my own". "You've got to listen, my doctor told me to tell my troubles to a stranger and that he'd listen. You've got to listen! Someone's got to listen! No one is listening!"

Did you ever live in the country in your childhood? Did you have a party line with several people on the same telephone line? As long as there were only the two receivers off the hook — the speaker and the one listening, the voices were strong and clear. One by one as other people on the line took their phones off the hook and often listened to the conversation or broke in on the conversation, the connection was weakened. Everyone today seems to be inwardly yearning for someone who really cares enough to listen to him without trying to change him. But how often we don't listen to what they're saying. We're so busy trying to break in on a conversation that we hear only words and not what is really being said. Ofttimes it is loneliness on our part and we're too eager to have someone listen to us. In the book, **The Taste of New Wine**, Keith Miller says that we don't even listen, very often, to the voice that is crying out to be really heard, even in our own families. He says that he is convinced that this is one of the key reasons for the tremendous amount of marital infidelity as the man needs someone who knows his weakness and listens to him, and accepts him anyway just as he is, without trying to change him. How often do we really listen to what our children are trying to say as we get so engrossed in the multitude of sounds and jobs that demand attention? Perhaps this is one reason that as our children grow older, we no longer have their confidence. We haven't really been listening to what they've said for years and they feel we're no longer interested.

Clamoring Voices Need Listeners

There are many voices coming over my party line. The voices of the world, of the missionaries, of high school youth, of college students, of the poverty stricken, of minority groups, of the aged, of the church as it moves toward ecumenism, and of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild as they speak through their purpose and programs. There is a tremendous bid for the ear of each person. With so many voices clamoring to be heard, the one who is listening doesn't hear many of them very clearly. We have a way of shutting out the voices — of breaking the connection.

The doctor uses his stethoscope to listen to the heart beat. His attention is focused on one particular sound. Even the safe breaker puts his ear close to the safe as he listens to the tumblers turning as he tries the combination.

In the old movies, one sees a person who wants to listen in on a conversation that is being held in another room, take an ordinary water glass, put the glass against a wall and put his ear to the glass which serves as a conductor of the sounds he wishes to hear. This is one type of listening that is an invasion of privacy. Today many means are used to secure information through wire tapping and listening in on private conversations.

Have you noticed how often when someone is trying to get your attention that they begin their statement with the word "listen!". The inflection given the word denotes many things. On the TV just before an advertisement, the announcer breaks in on the story or film to get your attention by saying, "Now, listen to this!". Do you recall the opening line of a poem learned many years ago, "Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere" or the oration which began "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ear".

In this day and age we have become very eye oriented. We depend upon what we can see — the TV with its color spectaculars, the Hollywood extravaganzas that hold us spellbound. We might say that the Bible is ear oriented. It was through the ear that the great men of the Bible got their call and responded to it. Abraham was listening and responded to his call. Moses went out for forty (40) years in the wilderness as the result of a call. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, yes — Christ too received a call and responded. They were listening — they were attuned to God's voice.

I've been listening to many things this year — to what is being said through the news media, through tensions, through actions, through facial expressions. Will you listen with me to some of the voices that I've heard?

Perhaps the voice that has come through to me most clearly has been the voices of the women of the world — not always their voices but the voices of others who are speaking for them. Since women in the United States received the right to vote, they have steadily climbed the ladder of social, political and economic equality. It is interesting to read of the changes that have been made in the status of women. We hear complaints about sex discrimination, but more and more the barrier is being overcome. It is said that the first feminine secretary in this country got her job by bursting into tears.

Columnist Aline Mosby has said that women will take over the world. This could well be true, for more and more women are taking important positions formerly held by men. Today they are controlling the greater amount of wealth in the United States. On a panel of outstanding women at the Seventh Assembly, Mrs. Joan Comay, of Israel, spoke of the great status that women in the United States had achieved but challenged women to make use of this status. Women in many countries are leaders in government while women in the United States seem content to rise to a rung on the ladder that is just short of being where they should be. It was the women of the United States who led the way for women in other countries to wage a battle and strike a blow for recognition as a person. Recently, I read of changes that are taking place in Italy in the status of women. Italy's government is taking note of women and is recognizing rights of equality that were guaranteed them twenty (20) years ago.

Listen To Women Of Emerging Nations

Perhaps the country to which we must be listening more attentively is Africa as we hear of the emergence of the African woman. Dr. Absolem Villakazi spoke at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Division on the opportunities confronting women in Africa. He said that the African family is male oriented and that women were subordinated to men. Women were put in a disadvantageous position as they were denied an education under colonial rule. Even in our mission schools, women were taught only the things that would help them at home. Now, this is changing. In some countries in Africa, women are challenging men in positions that have hitherto been strongholds for the men, particularly in governmental roles. Another change for women in Africa is in the realm of expectation. As a result of the British leaving, women are moving into the positions formerly held by the British colonials. They are moving into the homes

formerly used by the colonials. They are organizing and heading businesses. One interesting comment that Dr. Villakazi made was the effect that this freedom might have on the women who preferred to work rather than to marry. In Africa there is no place for a spinster. The men have found that as women take advantage of the freedom they have gained, they are losing their charm. But women in Africa are making great strides and in the right direction.

We hear that women in some countries are marching alongside the men who are fighting on the battlefield. The urge for women to change came before independence. When one became a Christian, she began to change. Most African leaders would say, "I am here because of my mother."

It is in the United Nations that one sees the women coming into their own. There were one hundred thirty-two (132) women delegates to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly. Ten years ago there were only eighty delegates who were women. It is generally recognized that these women won their U. N. positions because of their competence, in spite of their sex.

"Their role in the United Nations is the same as men. They must do their jobs based upon merit, not because they are women." They have moved into significant places of leadership. They have held important jobs in their own communities. Even the Soviet Union is recognizing the abilities of women.

Dr. Willa Player, president of Bennett College for ten years, who now holds an important position with the H. E. W. Department in Washington, D. C., spoke of the emerging and growing interest on the part of women in education. As she participated on a panel at the meeting of the division, she deplored the fact that today women earn only about ten percent of all the doctorates given, that only eight percent of the women holding teaching positions on college faculties have the title of professor. Dr. Player said that of the seventy-nine million people in labor, one-third of them are women. We have the opportunities and the resources but as we gain these, our desire to excel seems to decrease proportionately.

Each day, women are being called to leadership in more and different ways. Are we listening so that when the call comes we may be prepared and respond?

As women, we must learn to listen to the pauses in conversations - to listen with concern to problems that are demanding attention, to cries of people who want dignity.

Listen to Voice from Campus

Other voices that are clamoring to be heard are those of our young people and college students. At a recent convocation campus ministry, I listened to many things, one of the speakers gave some startling statistics which were backed up by surveys made of students. He said that there exists in many colleges today an army of petty thieves. He said that one out of four engage in petty thievery, in shoplifting.

The American Council on Education released figures that were equally startling. One educator told of surveys made of 206,865 current freshmen at 251 colleges and universities. These figures revealed that more than twenty percent of the freshmen admitted cheating on examinations. Of these who admitted cheating, twenty-four percent were men and sixteen percent were women. I must admit that I was horrified when I heard this - but equally so when I heard that among the general public cheating, drinking, stealing, L.S.D. and sex orgies are up ninety-three percent.

It is true that there is confusion and agitation on the college campus, but there are many young people, a great percentage of those in college, who are doing courageous things as they go about their studies, many who give outstanding leadership in Christian activities and in other fields. We do not hear about these. We haven't been listening. Nor have we been listening to find out how young people really feel and what causes them to act as they do.

In the early history of the United States, we learned that the scouts who cut trails through the wilderness and who led wagon trains across the country, and the Indians who listened with their ear to the ground, could tell whether or not it was one person or a great many who were coming; if they were coming on foot or on horseback; if they were enemy or friend. Surely we need to put our ears to the ground and listen to our young people.

In his book, **A Hard Rain and A Cross**, Dr. Harold De Wolf relates an incident that definitely points up the need to be a listener to the young people and to try to help them find answers to their questions. A young university graduate asked Dr. De Wolf if he had time to listen to a song. He said that some people thought it was a crazy song, that it was banned from most radio and TV stations because advertisers thought it morbid and disturbing. He was considered anti-religious and neurotic. But as Dr. De Wolf listened to the song he said that he listened with bowed head and a reverent spirit because the song was as true as it was shocking. What it had to say needed to be said — for it revealed what a lot of young people are feeling. Just as the song, by Bob Dylan, "A Hard Rain's A Gonna Fall", is expressing one thought and feeling — others are saying something else that must also be listened to. Mr. W. H. Audon, one of our modern poets, has described the twentieth-century youth in vivid terms. "To be young," he says, "means to be on edge, to be held waiting in a packed lounge for a personal call from long distance for the low voice that defines one's future." Yes, we need to listen to the voice of the young people as they speak through many mediums. Do you hear what I hear in some of the music sung by the young people, or do you get so involved in the beat that you don't listen to what is being said?

We are aware of many voices calling for help. Some of these cries have become so dramatic, so visual, that we have listened. But there are other voices crying for help, cries so weak that we don't heed them. We aren't listening for fear of getting involved.

Dr. Tracy Jones, in a series of lectures which were put into a book entitled **The Missionary Intruder**, tells of the many changes that have taken place in the lives of missionaries. He says that the missionary today is called to intrude into human affairs with the sure recognition of God's controlling purpose in history. They are listening for God's voice to direct them amidst the turmoil and chaos of a multitude of revolutions that are being carried on.

Listen For Voice Of God

What would your reaction be if you heard an announcer say, "The next voice you hear will be that of God"? Would you listen attentively or would you think it another gimmick to get your attention?

Most of us are too sophisticated today to expect a voice to come from heaven to us. We might say this doesn't happen anymore. With direct dialing on the telephone, we hear a voice of a friend or a member of the family way across the continent, and

we listen with interest and joy to what they're saying. Surely God continues to speak to us but we don't answer the telephone. The telephone receiver has been taken off the hook. We are not giving it our full attention. We need to put our receivers back on the hook and atune our lives to God so that we will be receptive to some information, to some voice from heaven that says something to us beyond what the world is saying to us. God has our area code as well as our personal number. Sometimes his call never gets through. He gets a busy signal, a D. A. doesn't answer. Think about people of whom you've read who have received calls. Jane Adams, Florence Nightingale, Martin Luther, John Wesley, David Livingston, Albert Schweitzer and hundreds and hundreds more who had a call because they were listening when it came. Some of us may sincerely want to hear a call but can't because we have not become sensitive to the voice of God. Some of us listening to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony would say that it sounds like thunder while others would say it had the sound of angels. Just as we have to learn to understand great music, so we have to grow to understand the deep things of God. We must listen not only with our ears and minds, but with our hearts. The heart and mind must keep pace with each other in learning about life and our world. "To be alive today is to be waiting, listening, anxious to find the meaning of life, to hear God's voice that we may know how we may be used to carry His 'total mission to a total world'".

Are we listening to the theme "The Total Mission to a Total World" and what this theme implies? It means that it is God's mission in which we have been given a part to see that it reaches people next door or in India - to people everywhere - to the whole world.

We as members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild have a part in making possible the carrying of this total mission to a total world. Let us be listening for God's voice to speak to us. Let us respond.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

The Office of the Vice-President has endeavored to carry through the recommendations of the Division in the area of program through the District and local Vice-Presidents.

Leadership training sessions in program planning and program building in schools of Christian Mission, District Officers' Training and Zone Meetings were fairly well attended and participation was excellent. The use of church literature and periodicals was encouraged, including the Methodist Hymnal and Book of Worship as resources for strengthening programs.

The duty of the Vice-President to encourage cooperation between the Woman's Society and the World Federation of Methodist Women and Church Women United was pointed out as a major responsibility of the Vice-President. Dialogue across denominational, cultural and racial lines was recommended as a resource in program planning which would promote understanding and cooperative action among the people of the Church Universal and serve our fellow man.

The Vice-President as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation recommended the use of the services of this organization regarding alcohol and moral education for children from the Upper Elementary through High School age.

Assistance to societies in program and problem solving has been given when called upon, and the installing of the officers for several societies was one of the many pleasures and privileges which has been the duty of the Vice-President.

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Louisiana Conference

Financial Statement

May 20, 1966 thru May 20, 1967

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Cash Balance May 20, 1966		7,977.44	
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.		3,000.00	
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.		<u>1,471.52</u>	12,448.96
Receipts:	Pledged	Paid	
Alexandria	14,349.50	13,052.90	
Baton Rouge	26,314.50	22,520.95	
Lafayette	13,596.50	12,326.23	
Lake Charles	20,136.50	18,380.97	
Monroe	19,985.50	16,800.29	
New Orleans	21,904.50	21,904.50	
Ruston	17,377.50	15,091.53	
Shreveport	35,791.50	31,415.74	
	<u>169,456.00</u>		151,493.11
Conference - W. S. C. S.			
Offering - School of Christian Mission	306.60		
Offering - Annual Meeting	486.50		
Corsage for Missions	195.50		
Conference Guild:			
One-Half Guild Weekend Offering	59.05		
Offering Annual Meeting	270.00		
Corsage for Missions	<u>105.00</u>	1,422.65	
Permanent Fund Interest (Perpetual Membership Haynesville Methodist Church)		<u>4.50</u>	
Total Paid on Conference Pledges			152,920.26
Other:			
Supply Work	20,419.52		
Call to Prayer	8,660.33		
Supplementary W. S. C. S. Crusade Scholarships	35.00		
Special Fund MacDonell Methodist Center	<u>3,981.37</u>	33,096.22	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation	1,784.24		
Transient Funds	<u>1,021.09</u>	<u>2,805.33</u>	<u>35,901.55</u>
Totals Forward			201,270.77

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Brought Forward			201,270.77
Returns to Cultivation:			
Refunds:			
Conference Delegate to Assembly	50.00		
Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission	199.36		
Christian Social Relations	21.32		
Annual Reports Sold	24.60		
Christian Service Times	669.82		
Membership Packets Sold	37.50		
Conference School of Christian Mission	80.00		
District Officer Training	2.00		
Dividends Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn.	142.50		
Bank Exchange Charge	9.11		
Service Center, for Literature Sold WSCS	117.50		
Service Center, for Literature Sold Guild	38.55		
Guild Weekend Registration	262.00		
Guild Annual Meeting, Registration	452.51		
One-Half Offering Guild Weekend	59.05		
		2,165.82	
Dividends First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.		66.95	
			2,232.77
Total to be Accounted For			<u>203,503.54</u>
Disbursements:			
Woman's Division W.S.C.S.			
Pledge	99,846.68		
Memberships	11,089.85		
In Remembrance Gifts	1,466.39		
My World Bank	3,337.40		
Special Mission Bank	804.23		
In Honor Gifts	172.75		
Special Offerings	55.75		
Result of Study	430.50		
Scarritt College	100.00	117,303.55	
Conference:			
Offering School of Christian Mission	306.60		
Special Membership, Mrs. L. Coulter Peach	25.00		
In Remembrance Gift	5.00		
Offering Annual Meeting	486.50		
Corsage for Missions	195.50	1,018.60	
		<u>118,322.15</u>	
Wesleyan Service Guild:			
Pledge	16,822.16		
Memberships	2,316.90		
In Remembrance Gifts	298.00		
My World Bank	880.65		
Special Mission Banks	252.13		
In Honor Gifts	30.00		
Special Offerings	79.37		
Result of Study	129.85		
Lela Norris, Scholarship	20.50	20,829.56	
Conference:			
Offering Guild Weekend	59.05		
Offering Annual Meeting	270.00		
Corsage for Missions	105.00	434.05	
Total Forward		<u>139,585.76</u>	

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Brought Forward		139,585.76	
Permanent Fund Interest		<u>4.50</u>	
Total Paid On Pledge To Missions		139,590.26	
Other:			
Supply Work:			
W.S.C.S.	17,750.46		
Guild	<u>2,669.06</u>	20,419.52	
Call to Prayer:			
W.S.C.S.	6,975.38		
Guild	<u>1,684.95</u>	8,660.33	
Supplementary:			
Crusade Scholarships W.S.C.S.	35.00		
Special Fund MacDonell Methodist Center			
W.S.C.S.	3,042.69		
Guild	<u>938.68</u>	4,016.37	
Special Gift for Business Girls' Inn		<u>500.00</u>	
Total Paid To Woman's Division		173,186.48	
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation	1,784.24		
Transient Funds	<u>1,021.09</u>	<u>2,805.33</u>	
			175,991.81
			<u>27,511.73</u>

Conference Cultivotion Fund:	Budgeted	Disbursed	
Office Expense	1,300.00	841.59	
Annual Meeting	1,600.00	1,453.73	
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00	249.50	
Annual Report	1,400.00	2,163.45	
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	750.00	426.31	
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,400.00	1,341.80	
Gulf Region School of Christian Mission	900.00	996.24	
Christian Vocation	200.00		
Cooperative Meetings	300.00	20.06	
Conference Youth Director	600.00	600.00	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	850.00	781.14	
Division Cultivation	80.00	65.09	
Miscellaneous	400.00	73.67	
Christian Service Times	630.00	953.83	
Tour	300.00	300.00	
Christian Social Relations	300.00	300.00	
Wesleyan Service Guild	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>1,952.94</u>	
	13,360.00		12,519.35

Other:

District Officer Training	479.92
Tour As Per Recommendation	400.00
Dulac and Sager Brown Board Meetings	51.10
Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah	149.98
Annual Meeting, Woman's Division	177.65
Memberships Packets	47.89
Board of Missions Meeting	55.15
Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women	--
Purdue University	44.00

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Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
(Continued)			
Self Study	202.14		
Bank Exchange Charge	9.11		
Conference School of Christian Mission 1967	72.31	1,689.25	14,208.60
Balance in Checking Account and Savings Account			13,303.13

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Distributed As Follows:			
First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Alexandria, La. - Special Account		1,538.47	
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.		3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank in New Orleans, La. Checking Account		8,764.66	
Total		13,303.13	

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

I have examined the Statement of Cash and Fund Balances and the Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of The Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the period from May 20, 1966 through May 20, 1967. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the cash and fund balances as of May 20, 1967 and the cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

My examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules of Receipts from Districts, Conference Cultivation Fund, and Payments on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service for the same period, and, in my opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

J. LOUIS FORD

Certified Public Accountant

June 16, 1967

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. T. E. Hampton

The work of the Recording Secretary has been carried out during the year by several people; beginning with Mrs. W. E. Trice; then Mrs. J. F. Rosett, who assumed the duties in June; and Mrs. T. E. Hampton, who started in October. The President performed the secretary's duties after each resignation. Disposition of 850 copies of the

Twenty-sixth Annual Report was as follows: 749 mailed and delivered as per mailing list on page 91, 4 presented, 15 sold, 6 retained for secretary's file (1 for permanent use and 5 for work copies), 11 remain in the hands of the President, and 65 in the hands of the secretary. Minutes of the Administrative Committee, Executive Committee, and Annual Meeting have been properly recorded. District Officers Training Day was well attended by the District Secretaries and provided time to discuss importance of preserving proper records, and sending complete and accurate rosters to the Conference Officer, thus insuring each society receiving all official communications.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Mrs. Robert Bingham, Secretary

As the "generation gap" continues to widen, the church's ministry to young adults on the college campus becomes increasingly more difficult. The problem of communication between generations has been the emphasis of the Secretary for Campus Ministry this past year. Suggested reading materials help focus on the problem of communication. Secretaries have been urged to discover what programming, what emphasis in their local church will best help the local congregation understand the young adult.

In November of 1966, the Louisiana Conference held a "Convocation on University Life" at the Louisiana State University Wesley Foundation. In attendance were leaders from all areas in the church, episcopacy, District, Board of Education, Secretaries for Campus Ministry, Board members of Wesley Foundations, college faculty members, and students. As the group studied together the problems and needs of the college student and the role of the church and the Wesley Foundations, a deeper understanding of the problems we are facing today began to emerge. Many of the recommendations made at this time for our local conference are also found in the new report issued this spring by the Board of Education. This report, *The Campus Ministry of the Methodist Church No. 1026-HE* may be secured from the Board of Education, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. and is must reading for all Secretaries for Campus Ministry.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Secretary

The office of Christian Social Relations has been a very interesting one this year. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Lake Charles District Secretary, represented the Conference at the Christian Social Concern Briefing, at Mt. Sequoyah. She shared with us at Officers Training the program of this meeting.

Every year the State Department has a Briefing on Foreign Policy; this year the Briefing was held in New Orleans. Mrs. Edward McDevitt, New Orleans District Secretary, attended this Briefing as representative of the Conference Secretary. She shared with us, at Officers Training, an in-depth report on this program.

A World Understanding Workshop, with focus on Africa, was held in Baton Rouge. This was a most educational workshop. The office of Christian Social Relations was well represented with three district secretaries and myself attending.

The Conference Woman's Society through this office and the district secretaries joined the Public Affairs Research Council, Inc. The materials received from this organization are timely and pertinent and have helped in a better understanding of the issues facing our State.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

RECEIPTS:

From Conference Treasurer	\$300.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$300.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Organizations:		
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation (dues)	25.00	
Luncheon	5.00	
Public Affairs Research Council, Inc. (dues)	10.00	
Transportation:		
Baton Rouge, La. (LOSL Meeting)	30.00	
Travel Pool (Seminar)	90.00	
Office - Districts:		
Registration, Mt. Sequoyah	5.00	
Registration, New Orleans	5.50	
Registration, Baton Rouge	3.50	
Materials	23.80	
Seminar-Kansas City, Mo.	<u>102.20</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$300.00 <u>000.00</u>

MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION

Mrs. Max Clayton, Secretary

The secretaries of Membership Cultivation are key women and have great opportunities as well as great responsibilities, for our concern is WOMEN and what their relationship to the church is depends on many of us. This concern has been evidenced by reports of better programs, better ways of reaching new members, more interest groups that give women the opportunity of SERVICE and more groups who are having SELF-STUDY sessions.

Although statistics show that the membership is slightly lower than last year, we feel that it is a healthy sign, since we see evidence of more accurate rolls. We realize that we have many potential members that have not been reached, but we are encouraged by the many young women who are becoming interested in the Society and Guild and feel that their enthusiasm, as well as methods, are a great asset.

We are aware that our most important task is to make Christ known to all women, both in our organization and in our own personal lives.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Garland Dean, Secretary

The emphasis on joint training and joint planning for missionary education has resulted in new opportunities for missionary education leaders on all levels. Following the cooperative pattern being set in National, Regional and Jurisdictional Meetings, specific groups of men were invited to Conference School of Christian Mission in 1966. Interest was evident, even though attendance small.

Another first was the joint planning and training on a district basis, which resulted in six of eight districts holding twenty Mission Study Conferences. Training was given 815 local leaders on the planning and promotion of studies in the local church, the themes being, AFFLUENCE AND POVERTY: DILEMMA FOR CHRISTIANS and JAMES AND I PETER.

Woman's Society reports show a total of 383 study classes, many church-wide, with 11,284 adults attending. Reports indicate personal involvement was stressed. One secretary, summing it up, stated that they were "striving to be doers of the word and not hearers only," yet preparing themselves to listen to God.

Another area of emphasis is that of "keeping in touch" with the National and World Division workers especially related to our conference, a directory of these commissioned and especially appointed workers being in this journal.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. John R. Oldham, Secretary

Many thrilling experiences in the area of Missionary Personnel have taken place during this year. One of the high moments was when the Board of Missions had the opportunity of accepting Mrs. Nell Coulter Peach for service. The former Miss Nell Coulter is from Monroe and attended Northeast College. Our prayers and support will go with this fine young woman in her new field of service. Louisiana was also represented by a full quota of young people at the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in 1966.

District Secretaries have participated in the planning of Christian Vocations Workshops, a project that has been greatly neglected for a number of years. There was also a Conference Christian Vocations Workshop held this year which was planned by the Conference Board of Christian Vocations and another one of its kind will be held in 1968. Eight out of eight secretaries attended the Officers' Training and plans were made for a more concerted effort in reaching young people interested in Church related vocations.

The 1966 Youth Mission Tour left Baton Rouge on July 18, traveling through Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and returned to Baton Rouge on July 30. Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham directed the tour which included 36 young people from 33 different churches. The 1967 tour is planned for June 4 to June 16, 1967.

Each of us must continue to strive to create new understanding of the opportunities for Christian Vocation in all of life.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Mrs. R. S. Reich, Secretary

The very attractive and informative literature which is constantly rolling off the presses at Service Center make the Methodist Woman one of the best informed, most widely read women in the world, and make the duties of the Secretary of Program Materials both challenging and inspiring. Many new and helpful booklets, such as the one on the Committee on Nominations and the new handbook for World Federation of Methodist Women, have been added to the many tools already available for officers. It was gratifying to see so many of our women using the book rooms at the School of Christian Mission and the Annual Meeting, both for browsing and buying.

The theme for the April drive for **Methodist Woman and World Outlook** was "New Dimensions" and stressed the value of these periodicals to "add new dimensions to our reading, our studying, and our action in 1967."

The district secretaries of Program Materials have been cooperating with the New District Committee for Mission Studies in securing materials for display and sale at the Fall Mission Study Conference.

In cooperation with the Secretary of Membership Cultivation and Wesleyan Service Guild, a packet of materials relating to the work of the Woman's Society and Guild has been prepared and widely circulated throughout the Conference. This is especially useful for new or prospective members.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. John L. Howe, Secretary

District Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation have been involved this year in a search for ways to undergird the work of the Woman's Society and of the entire church with a deep awareness of God's supreme place in all of life.

This has been the theme of worship at executive meetings and was the underlying theme of the Self Study in Pineville, April 18-19, for the conference executive committee including district secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation and vice presidents. **The Feminine Crisis in Christian Faith** by Elizabeth Achtemeier was used as resource.

Evaluation reports this spring asked local secretaries to converse with five women about the meaning of "spiritual". Composite reports show an awareness by the women of the need for a better understanding of the spiritual and its place in daily life. Concerned study is increasing and local secretaries noted that women appreciated an opportunity to enter into dialogue about the meaning of "spiritual". One local secretary reported, "I didn't realize how receptive women would be to conversation on spiritual matters." Another said, "There are guidelines for us in this." We need to consider prayerfully their significance.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary

The 1966-67 Woman's Society of Christian Service Askings for Supply Work were:

National	-	\$10,445.50	Payment	-	\$11,861.14
World	-	\$ 5,783.00	Payment	-	\$ 5,889.33

The Wesleyan Service Guild Supply Work Askings were:

National	-	\$ 1,483.00	Payment	-	\$ 1,734.83
World	-	\$ 734.00	Payment	-	\$ 925.19

Both groups met and overpaid their National and World Askings.

There is evidence of increased interest for knowledge concerning the work of projects and institutions that are assigned to societies and guilds. This has been reflected in program planning to educate and inform members about Supply giving. Through the use of reports, brochures, posters, slides, and visits to projects under the Woman's Division in our conference, interesting programs have been presented on local and district levels. The women have been challenged to meet their pledge to missions first and cash for supply as their over and above giving.

Cash received from Red Scissor Coupons by St. Mark's Community Center is used for the summer camping program. The quota is 65,000 this year.

Cash for Supply Work

1967 - 1968

World Askings,	\$6,125.00	National Askings,	\$9,999.80
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Projects Assigned

World Division - India
 South India Conference - Gujarat Conference
 National Division:
 Ozona Community Center, Ozona, Texas
 Navajo Methodist Mission, Farmington, Texas
 MacDonnel Methodist Center, Houma, Louisiana

Wesleyan Service Guild

World Askings,	\$ 696.00	National Askings,	\$1,500.00
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STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

District	Number Societies	Membership	Number Guilds	Membership	Total
Alexandria	38	997	12	184	1,181
Baton Rouge	57	2,118	13	243	2,361
Lafayette	31	1,083	8	157	1,240
Lake Charles	30	1,396	13	238	1,634
Monroe	46	1,590	16	270	1,860
New Orleans	38	1,835	11	201	2,036
Ruston	38	1,440	10	221	1,661
Shreveport	44	2,609	17	282	2,891
TOTALS	322	13,068	100	1,796	14,864

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1966 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Dean

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

July 18-22, 1966

Unified Topic for Study: Affluence and Poverty: Dilemma for Christians
James and I Peter

Special Interest Groups: The Work of the Committee on Nominations
The Inclusive Church
Joint Planning for Study
Financial Policies and Procedures (1 session)

Total registered attendance was 265, which was 257 participants and 8 leaders. Many visitors attended the evening Bible Study, and a number attended morning plenary sessions, but were not registered as a part of the school. There was an excellent response from participants on 123 evaluation sheets turned in.

1967 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

July 17-21, 1967

Theme: "One Common Faith"

Dean: Mrs. Max L. Clayton
Asst. Dean: Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
Chairman of

Arrangements: Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Housing Chairman and
Registrar: Miss Arline Tyler

Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller
Treasurer: Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Librarian: Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr.
Chairman of Audio-

Visuals: Mrs. Garland Dean
Program Materials: Mrs. Robert Reich
Hostess Societies: Christ Church
Wynn Memorial

Interest Centers: Mrs. Joe Bond
Mrs. Thomas Pitt

Plenary Sessions: Planned cooperatively by the entire staff of the school to give background material which will be explored in depth by students in

Application Groups:

Topics: Christ and the Faiths of Men
Japan
Man and Community
Ecumenicity

Leaders: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, Louisiana
Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans, Louisiana
Mrs. Dean Isaacs, Denton, Texas
Mrs. W. D. Landrum, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. H. N. Russell, Morristown, Tennessee
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Dallas, Texas

Coordinator: Rev. L. Ray Branton, New Orleans, Louisiana

Leadership Development:

Chairman: Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Franklin, Louisiana

1967 YOUTH MISSION TOUR

Mrs. John R. Oldham, Chairman

The sixth annual Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in the spring of 1967 from June 4-17. The itinerary will include several stops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction with particular interest on mission projects in southern Florida.

The tour directors will be Mr. and Mrs. John R. Oldham of Baton Rouge. Mr. Oldham is the District Director of Youth Work for the Baton Rouge District, and Mrs. Oldham is Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They were also directors of the 1966 tour which covered some 3,000 miles of Mississippi, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Thirty-six young people participated in this tour.

The cost of the tour will be \$90.00 per person, which includes meals and transportation. Overnight stops are made at the projects visited or in churches along the route, which necessitates sleeping bags or bedrolls.

Selection of tour members will be made by a committee from applications received. An applicant must be a junior or senior in high school, or college age and active in his church or student group.

Applications have been mailed to all pastors, district youth directors, secretaries of missionary personnel, district M.Y.F. presidents, and presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. These blanks should be filled out and returned to Mrs. John R. Oldham, 10465 Cedarlane Drive, Baton Rouge, by April 15, 1967. Those selected as tour members will be notified by April 25.

Many young people have commented on the new understanding of the ministry of the church which has come to them as a result of seeing the church at work in so many varied ways. A real sense of Christian fellowship has also been developed among tour members. The 1966 group held a reunion in December, 1966.

Excellent cooperation in the promotion of the tour has been received from local societies and churches, and the committee and directors are most grateful. Societies and churches are urged to inform their young people concerning this tour and to encourage applications from those who will derive the most benefit from it.

REPORT OF PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA RELATED TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Mrs. Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

In recent months, much attention has been directed toward the federally sponsored project known as "Headstart." The stated objective of this program is to provide culturally deprived pre-school children with special training and experiences to prepare them for the more technical processes of formal classroom learning.

To accomplish these objectives a specialized program of educational activities such as painting, clay modeling, building with blocks, listening to and dramatizing stories, rhymes and action songs are used to advantage. Contacts with the world about them are provided by visits to the zoo, the bank, the post office, the library, parks and playgrounds, etc. Group activities furnish opportunities to learn to share and get along with other children. They also learn to adjust to being away from home and familiar surroundings. All of which is designed to prepare the child to adjust more readily to school life.

Now this is exactly what Peoples Methodist Community Center has been doing for over forty years. Over this period of time hundreds of boys and girls from various circumstances and environments have come under the training and influence of this institution. Investigation and contacts with many of our former pupils have shown that the training and experiences received at Peoples have been reflected in the progress and achievements of these young people upon entering school.

Peoples Center, of course, goes a few steps further giving religious training and all day care for children of working parents in a pleasant homelike atmosphere. Here they eat and sleep and play, in addition to learning.

Bible school and a day camp program provide summer activities for additional age groups. Then, too, there are the athletic clubs and Girl Scouts providing afternoon interests for teenagers in the community.

Because there is such a great demand for day care and pre-school services, and because of limited facilities, the primary grade classes were discontinued this year and the entire area devoted to Nursery and Kindergarten groups. The present enrollment of five groups now stands at 205.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for their very generous contributions of financial help and interest manifested in the work of this institution.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL WORK

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 North Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana
Miss Louise Sharp, Executive Director

The purpose of St. Mark's Community Center is to offer a program of group work, informal education, recreation, camping, enrichment of life for the individual and family, and for the betterment of the community of which it is a part. It serves people of any racial, cultural, or ethnic groups. Its primary goal is to serve the neighborhood which is rapidly changing. The economic level of the participating families is changing from that of the low to middle-middle class, to that of the low-low and culturally deprived.

We offer basketball, volleyball, softball, and physical fitness. The gym is open one night each week; the game room is open for ping-pong, pool, and table games; the swimming pool is now open for the year round instead of the summer months; and the wood-working shop is open one night each week for a class of boys learning to use

simple tools under the leadership of a volunteer who enjoys boys and tools. We have two sewing classes and plan to establish a drop-in-sewing-center, where folks can come to do their mending.

The area of the building which has been used very little since the closing of the Day Care Center in 1960 has been redecorated and is being converted into an office wing and staff library-lounge.

Since 1962 we have been offering a preschool in the Iberville Housing Project three mornings a week and two classes of English for Spanish-speaking people. During the summer months, a Play Party Program was held in the project on two afternoons a week. This was sponsored by St. Mark's and staffed by a volunteer work-camp group of college students from all over the United States who came to New Orleans for two months under the sponsorship of the National Board of Missions and the Methodist Student Movement to help them get acquainted with the problems of the Inner-City. Most of their summer work was with the Inner-City Ministry of The Methodist Church in the area of old Felicity Methodist Church.

The camping program will continue to increase. The swimming pool, a dream for several years, has finally been built at a cost of \$6,952.89, in loving memory of Mrs. Carmol Tackaberry, a former president of the Board of St. Mark's Community Center and an active leader in the total life of the church. It is almost paid for.

Serving the needs of the neighborhood for the next several years will be a difficult task as we re-evaluate and perhaps redefine the goals and purposes of the center and at the same time continue to learn more of the needs of the new group coming to us for service.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

1210 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana
John L. Howe, Jr., Director

The new and lovely Hooper Cottage on the campus of MacDonell Methodist Center will be formally dedicated on Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 p.m. Friends are cordially invited to attend.

The cottage has been in use since September of 1966 and is proving itself an efficient facility for the program of child care. It houses 10 boys and has a two-room apartment for their houseparent, a room for the relief houseparent, and a kitchen-dining-living room that wraps around one end of the building in an "L". Spacious windows on every side and simple interior design allow good supervision of the boys at all times. The "old brick" exterior of the building and its white tile roof blend with the colonial style of other buildings on campus and with the beauty of the campus itself.

MacDonell is working toward a second modern cottage which will replace McCoy Hall. McCoy, not originally planned to be a group-living unit for children, was built at the same time as the first Hooper Hall as the laundry, dining room and kitchen of the MacDonell French Mission School. It has been used for a number of years as housing for teenage boys but the inflexibility of its floor plan, limited storage space, and a number of safety factors make it unsatisfactory for continued group living purposes. The building could be used far more efficiently to meet other needs of Mac-

Donell's program if housing were available elsewhere for the boys who now live in McCoy. At the 1967 meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church an appropriation of \$40,000 was made to replace McCoy Hall.

Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild pledged \$10,000 at their 1966 Annual Meetings as a supplementary gift to help defray the cost of building and furnishing these two cottages. The amount, which is less than \$1.00 per member, was to be accumulated over a period not to exceed seven years. This supplementary gift can be submitted to the conference treasurer ahead of the seven year schedule and has in fact been coming in at a rate much ahead of conference expectations.

A supplementary gift such as this one is given after the regular pledge to missions and the regular supply askings are met. The sincere concern and interest that the members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild have in MacDonell Center is apparent in their response to this special need. We who work at the mission project are aware of the real need for this continued support and we are grateful for it.

TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

**Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana
Rev. Jerry M. Moon, Director**

THE YEAR OF EXPANSION AND EXPERIMENTATION could very well be the title of the annual report this year.

Our program started with the establishing of geographical service boundaries, which include all of Ward Four, after which the Center sponsored a Head Start program from June 27 through August 19 financed by the Federal Government. Mr. Howard Martin directed this activity which was staffed mostly with persons who were unfamiliar with the program of the Center. The program served 87 children with a staff of 23 persons and a total expenditure of \$36,981, of which \$3,360 was the Center's in-kind share.

Another major program was that of a two-week Vacation Church School for children of all faiths which included over 125 children and was staffed by students of the University of Southern Illinois Wesley Foundation. This group also worked in the afternoons repairing and repainting Miss Hooper's home.

The Center had 25 group activity sessions during the summer under the direction of Mrs. Morgan with an average attendance of 32 children in each group. She was assisted, not only by other staff members, but also by youth of the Houma Heights Methodist Church who volunteered over 300 hours of their services.

For the second year, the past summer we were honored to have a MYFund Team with us. This group of three were here to work and get acquainted with the mission of the church so they, in turn, could go home and promote MYFund giving to their local conferences. Fourteen youth, the MYFund Team, Mrs. Moon, and I had a pleasant ten-day tour of Texas, visiting church-related institutions, Six Flags, and many historical sights.

Our services were doubled this past fall. The survey that was made in the summer revealed that there were 150 children per year entering the first grade within our geographical boundaries. It became evident that we were not serving even one-fourth of the children in our preschool program. The Head Start program gave us an "in-road" into the Negro and white community which could not be neglected. A plan was developed to integrate the program and double its capacity whereby children were enrolled in two sessions of three classes each. We knew that this would be an extra strain on the teachers and that we did not have the finances to continue this unless additional finances were forthcoming. Financing for the project did not increase and it was apparent that the situation had to be altered. On the first of February the afternoon session was dropped and those who were most regular in attendance were shifted to the morning session and a limit of 85 children was set, even though our working capacity is 72. Our preschool program, under the direction of Mrs. Moon, is proud of being an integrated group both in pupils and in its teaching staff.

Miss Patti Smith, a U.S.-2 from Rochester, New York, was assigned to Dulac this fall and is working as a kindergarten teacher, with the Go Go Gang, a teen girls group, and the Girl Scouts. Mr. Jimmy Hebert was employed this fall as a group worker for boys from third grade and up. This was a nine-month contract, as Mr. Hebert is a school teacher and stayed out to attend college this year. He works with the Boy Scouts, Go Go Gang, Boys Athletic groups, and a craft group. The teams have been integrated and much understanding has developed out of this program. Mrs. Irene Morgan has been on our staff for the past three years as a part-time group worker with elementary school children. She has organized a new group this year working with ceramics. This group has been able to freely design their own articles and they have shown much artistic talent. Mrs. Morgan will not be with us next year as her family plans to move to Texas where she will be doing public school teaching.

The statistical report reveals that the Center has served 382 persons in regularly scheduled group activities plus the many seasonal activities and individual counseling. There were 743 persons who were administered inoculations at our health clinics this year.

Mrs. Bessie Harding is now in charge of our clothing sales held in our new building. It is a joy for the people to shop at our new sales room, and this is apparent as sales have increased since our moving.

The Center was allocated \$100,000 this past year for the replacement of the old school building. The new construction was started in July under the direction of Mr. Robert Reed, Property Consultant for the National Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. The new residence is a duplex consisting of a three bedroom apartment for the Director and his family and a two bedroom apartment for another employee of the Board of Missions. There is also a guest accommodation in the new structure. An addition was built onto the Center building which will replace the service area of the old building and includes office space, photographic laboratory, medical clinic, teaching kitchen, library, clothing sales room, teachable retarded clinic, and a craft shop. The dedication and open house for these two buildings will be held on Sunday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AND RESIDENCES

THE BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Director

The vision of a few dedicated Christian women, genuinely concerned about the safety and Christian growth of girls who were coming into the city to work, came to fruition on January 30, 1928 when Methodist women of the Shreveport-Bossier City area made concrete plans for a residence for young women. Founders' Day Observance, January 28 and 29, 1967 heralded the beginning of the fortieth year of service for The Business Girls' Inn, the residence founded and supported through duress and struggle.

The January observance was to lift up the purpose of The Inn for all who would see and to look at past achievements as well as present needs. The success of the two days was so great as to be almost phenomenal in reaching the goals set.

During the current year a good staff has become a good working team marked by unusually fine rapport, individual skills coming to light through in-service and on-the-job training and individual growth as the task of The Inn unfolded. Of the five members of the professional staff three live in The Inn and two come in on a part-time basis. A maintenance staff of seven part-time workers completes a total staff of twelve.

Development among the residents themselves includes a growing sense of responsibility for each other, for their lives within and without The Inn. A pilot experience of an elected House Council representing the fifty girls who live in The Inn is fraught with growing pains as the Council and those whom it represents experiment with organization and function.

The two story brick colonial structure has been undergoing a much needed face lifting, having caulking done, shutters replaced, columns and brick restored to the original gleaming white with fresh paint. Worn out doors have been replaced with new ones chosen for better appearance and greater safety. A dormitory suite has been completely redecorated: walls painted, new blinds matching wall color, window drapes for the first time, matching or coordinated color in bedspreads and blankets, furniture refinished and mattresses rebuilt. The Director's suite has been redone through a special gift. A second dormitory suite - two rooms and bath - is being redecorated.

The Inn has to depend on special gifts entirely for the refurbishing of rooms and is grateful to individuals and groups who have made the beginning of this long-range plan possible. Other needs have been met through generous response to cash for supply askings.

The vision of the Board of Directors reflecting the vision of those women of near-forty years ago has spurred them to increased effort to fulfill the need for the residence, more acute today than ever before. The prayer of all the concerned is that as The Inn enters its fortieth year of service the needs of young women may be met as long as needs exist.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Campus Minister

"WHAT IS WESLEY FOUNDATION?" At the beginning of the Fall Semester our student president challenged each of us with our responsibility to witness for Christ on the campus. The witness these students make for Christ is not when they graduate, but it is now in all phases of campus activities.

It is the opportunity at vesper services to share their faith with other students. A student who spoke at vespers later told me: "My Christian faith used to be very personal with me and I did not want to share it with others. But since I have been coming to Wesley Foundation I want to share my faith with others." As they stand behind the pulpit their messages are not copied from a book, but from their own experiences of Christ. Many students pause during a busy day for prayer and meditation in the chapel. On the bulletin board is this poster: "Having a busy, hectic day—stop and talk with God." Ten of our students, as a pilot group, have shared their faith by participating in "The John Wesley Great Experiment." Students share their faith on deputation teams as they go to the District churches to present a morning or evening service of worship, speak to the WSCS, MYF, Methodist Men's Club, or be of service any way they can. The adults are challenged by the faith of the students. Already scheduled for this year are 35 deputation teams.

It is a devotion to God when, at 6:30 in the morning, 55 students were present for the Thanksgiving Communion Service and 48 students for the Christmas Communion Service. Some came as early as 4:30 to help get things ready for the service. A student said, "The communion service was so impressive and meaningful to me. This is the first time I have ever partaken of our Lord's sacrament."

It can be seen in service to others, taking children from The Methodist Children's Home for trick or treat, or visiting a nursing home to present a worship service. An elderly lady said, "Being unable to attend church, you bring church to us."

It is study in the Christian faith, as a "Moviecourse in Theology for the Layman" is presented with Dr. Theodore Runyon, Emory University, as the film lecturer on the doctrines of the church. At our Spring Retreat, Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Associate Dean, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will speak and lead discussions on various aspects of the Christian faith.

It is an inspiration when a former student, who is entering the ministry, wrote: "Although there is a great opportunity for service as a layman, I have been called to an even greater service. As I work in His church, as I come to know Him more intimately, and as I survey the troubled world around me, I realize that I must step forward and offer my life to help make this world a better place by helping others to know Christ." We have 5 boys entering the ministry; 2 girls for the mission field; and 1 girl for director of Christian education. The other students realize that their vocation, too, can be a Christian vocation as it is the individual's total response to the will and purpose of God for their lives.

It is informal fellowship in campus activities and in informal conversation around the fireplace or a group singing around the piano.

It is a continuing fellowship when a former student writes: "On Sunday morning

I am speaking at my church on what Wesley Foundation means to me. I am starting my talk with Tech's benediction: 'All that I am, and all that I have, I give to Christ and to His service. Amen.''' An art student, who has just painted this benediction as an illuminated manuscript, said, "This benediction means so much to me because it is my prayer to God, and it is what our Wesley Foundation means to me."

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Reverend Bob Tatum, Chaplain

This has been a very interesting and varied year. From the start of the school year, until now, things have been busy, busy. Our students have been active in the following areas of work:

CONFERENCES: Delegates from N. S. C. attended the Regional Leadership Conference in Austin, Texas. Our Wesley Foundation served as the host for the annual state conference of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement. We were also the host group for the Alexandria District Conference and had a very successful "Day on Campus" for the Woman's Society of Christian Service in our district.

ECUMENICAL INTERESTS: Over the years, we have cooperated with other religious groups on campus, but this year such cooperation has become more intense. In the fall, the Methodist and Baptist boys joined forces in playing a Charity Bowl football game, in order to help underwrite the cost of a scholarship for a college student. Our team played the P. E. Majors Club. Twice weekly Lutheran services are held in our building. This has been going on for the last four years. By December of 1967 the local Lutheran congregation hopes to have its own church building.

PROGRAM: Our program outlook has changed this year. We have a student-led discussion each Sunday morning. We also hold a meeting for fellowship before church on Sunday evening, as well as a program meeting on Wednesday evening. The program meeting on Wednesday starts at 5:30 p.m. with supper, cooked by students; program, and worship. During the spring semester, we are experimenting with a coffee house on Friday evening between 10:00 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.

EDUCATION: This year, we have studied Bonhoeffer, Jackson, and others in an effort to gain understanding of the Christian task in the world today. After a few years of study, Chaplain Bob Tatum received the degree, Master of Education in Guidance, Counseling, and Psychology from Northwestern. This past fall our building was used three days per week by the college for a classroom for 87 young men. Our student enrollment at N.S.C. has been greater than ever before and our on-campus involvement has been more intense.

We continue to maintain a high rate of attendance in our meetings. As new areas of work are added, more new people become known to us. We are thankful to the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild for their support and interest in the work at Northwestern.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Lafayette, Louisiana
Reverend Wayne Smith, Campus Minister

Let me say at the outset that I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church as Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. We have found the student ministry to be challenging and a real opportunity to serve students in the name of Christ Jesus. It is our purpose while at USL to present the Christian testimony in as vital and relevant a way as possible to the Methodist students enrolled at USL and to the campus community as a whole. Much of our time this year has been spent in learning the procedures of the campus ministry and in laying groundwork for our program for the future.

Many needed repairs have been made to the Wesley Foundation facilities both inside and out. Our living room furniture has been re-upholstered and drapes have been hung throughout the building.

The Director and three students attended the South Central Regional Conference of the Methodist Student Movement which was held at Austin, Texas for a week the past summer. Late in September a retreat was held at Camp Brewer with the Reverend John Winn of Cedar Grove Methodist Church in Shreveport as our keynote speaker. Twenty-two students attended.

We have continued to place emphasis on our Thursday night program. Evening vespers are held at 7 p.m. with our main program at 7:30. We held an open house for new students at USL, and the students presented a special orientation program. Other programs during the Fall included presentations on "Narcotics and LSD", "Inter-Personal Relations," using the movie "The Chairy Tale"; a series on "Viet Nam" and "The Christian Attitude Toward War"; the movie "All the King's Men"; a special series on "The Private School Systems in Louisiana"; and Dean James Oliver of the Graduate School spoke on "The Concept of the University".

An innovation this year has been a University Service of Worship which is held at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This service has been designed to appeal especially to college students and to attract resident students who have not affiliated with local churches of Lafayette. Another innovation has been a Sunday Evening Fellowship Meal, which has grown in one semester from an average of eighteen attending to an average of thirty attending. Ladies of the W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Service Guild of local churches prepare a meal which is served on Sunday Evenings at a cost to the student of 50¢. A highlight of the Christmas season was a Christmas Party given by the Wesley Foundation for the retarded children from the New Hope Center.

Plans are being laid presently for a many-faceted program in the future which will be broadly based on fellowship, study and worship.

SAGER BROWN SCHOOL
P. O. Box Q, Baldwin, Louisiana
Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

It is traditional for institutions and individuals to cast up their accounts, take inventory, and count their blessings at the end of the year. At Sager Brown School we find that our blessings have far outweighed our disappointments.

The past year has been one in which we have made much progress. The most outstanding achievement for the year was the completion of an extensive building program. This added to the plant four new buildings; namely, a combination library-

kindergarten classroom, an all-purpose building, a dining hall, and a girls' dormitory. Work on these buildings was started in February, 1966, and completed in November.

Along with the building program, summer activities were carried on. The summer recreation program gave the children the opportunity of learning to swim, to cook, to sew, and do crafts and sports. Some of the children attended the summer Remedial Reading Program taught in parish schools.

The experiences of packing, moving, and living under crowded conditions, while the old buildings were demolished were well accepted by the children and workers. Moving into the new building was completed in November. Each dormitory was filled to its capacity.

A week of staff orientation in September gave inspiration to new and old workers. Dr. Berry was with us during this period of beginning the year. Two US-2's and one deaconess joined the staff. Now we have three US-2's and five deaconesses.

We have operated this year with a staff of 20 persons and a total enrollment of 165. This includes Kindergarten through eighth grade. The school enrollment increased this year with both day students and boarding students.

The ungraded primary program progresses. Last year's reports showed progress for the experimental ungraded class. In September the total primary department became a part of this program. There are 3 teachers and 51 children taking part. We have set up an observation schedule for teachers. A guide list of questions for specific observation is used so that this can be a part of the evaluation for the program. The staff is working on more comprehensive goals and on curriculum for social studies and science. We plan to work on curriculum for all areas of the primary and hope to have it ready for use in the 1967-68 school year.

Four of our dormitory students will complete high school in June, and one of our former dormitory students is attending Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

This year, we also started the federal lunch and the milk programs.

This year brought many new friends, various tour groups, former students, and interested persons, to visit our campus. These new friends added to the school both moral and financial support. New friends bring new ideas, new enthusiasms, and a new perspective. We are grateful for the old friends of the school, without whose counsel and support such institutions as ours could not survive and serve those children who have such a great need of us.

Our facilities provided a meeting place for the New Iberia District Career Day Program and the Ministers' Retreat. The Lafayette and Thibodaux Areas of the State Department of Public Welfare held their meetings on our campus also. Our school provides a meeting place for the local church WSCS and MYF groups. The MYF and WSCS groups added to the Christmas activities by providing gifts and entertainment for the staff and children.

There is a close relationship between the local church and the school. With the help of the New Iberia District, two of our senior MYF'ers attended the Regional MYF Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah in Arkansas. Two others of the MYF'ers attended the Louisiana Conference MYF Institute at Gulfside Assembly, Waveland, Mississippi.

As we close this inventory, we pray that God may bless those who even in the least have contributed to the work of Sager Brown School.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Woman's Society of Christian Service

The Constitution of Conference Societies will be found in **Constitution and By-laws of the Woman's Division**.

ARTICLE I - Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES, See **BYLAWS OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY**, Section 1 to 13 inclusive, as adopted by the **WOMAN'S DIVISION**.

ARTICLE II - Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the conference society composed of the officers and secretaries; all members of the Division and officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference; chairmen of committees, the president of each district society, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the Bishop of the area and such other persons specifically related to the work of the conference society as the society may determine; and the following ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of membership cultivation, and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society.

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference of Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III - Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2. (a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials,

spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the Conference Society.

Section 3. There shall be a Committee on Christian Social Relations composed of the conference secretary of Christian social relations as chairman, the chairman of Christian social relations for the conference guild, the district secretaries of Christian social relations, the members of the Section of Christian social relations of the Division residing within the conference serving as members ex-officio, and such co-opted members as may be needed. This committee shall meet annually at the time and place authorized by the conference society. It shall make plans and bring recommendations to the conference society for the strengthening and promotion of the total program of Christian social relations as defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Section 4. There shall be a Committee on Finance composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild; the treasurers of the district societies and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget and recommend it for approval.

Section 5. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules No. 29 (Conference) and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the district members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term.

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society, who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees (except those committees which elect their chairman) and members of the Committee on Nominations. The Committee shall submit to the Conference Society for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 6. There shall be a Committee on School of Christian Mission with a

dean, elected annually by the committee, who shall also serve as chairman of the committee. The office of dean shall be rotated among the members of the committee with no one serving more than two years in succession.

Other members of the committee shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the executive committee of the conference society. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Christian Mission which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Society and Guild.

The officers and secretaries of the conference society and the chairmen of the conference guild shall have the opportunity of attending a Regional School of Christian Mission annually at conference expense.

Section 7. There shall be a Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. This committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Conference Society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

Section 8. There shall be a Committee on Constitution and Bylaws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee.

Section 9. (a) An Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work of the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education and service, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members-at-large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a church and community worker a District Advisory Committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, one or more ministers of

churches served by the worker, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee suggests. This committee shall prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing the work for another year.

Section 10. There shall be a Committee on Annual Report composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The committee may co-opt one additional person. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 11. There shall be a Committee on Place of Meeting composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary. These members shall be appointed biennially by the president, who shall designate the chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between northern and southern parts of the state.

ARTICLE IV - Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries.

The officers and secretaries shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of missionary personnel, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of Christian social relations, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nominee, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. Officers, secretaries, and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st after their election or appointment, with the exception of the chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, who shall take office immediately after her election. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in office or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six conference officers and secretaries for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom serve four years.

(a) Three of these officers or secretaries shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of membership cultivation. The other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the officers elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Section 6. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V - Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels.

Section 4. Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society.

Section 5. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge of the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, expenses of conference

delegates to the Assembly, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

There shall be one cultivation fund for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the records of receipts from each group to be kept separate on the treasurer's books.

Section 6. One-half of one per cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 7. The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through regular channels.

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Annual Meeting.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their societies.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The Committee on Annual Meeting Program shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

9. The president may attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions one time during her term of office at conference expense. (Amended March 1967).

10. Each officer or secretary shall submit to the treasurer itemized statements covering her expenses. These expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

11. Officers and secretaries shall provide postage for all communications such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that are sent to corresponding district officers and secretaries for mailing to local societies.

12. It is against the policy of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; (a) to endorse and promote through its channels plans from business concerns to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products; (b) to release the lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the Church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of

Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to \$300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to the fund shall be decided by the Administrative Committee.

17. An amount not to exceed \$3000.00 may be raised on the local level by free-will offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an In-remembrance gift of \$5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

19. When persons from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. (Amended March 1967).

20. Expenses of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian Mission shall be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district shall assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates. (Amended March 1967).

21. A subsidy of \$9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Christian Mission.

22. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Annual and Executive Committee Meetings. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

23. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

24. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

25. Each district in which a National Division Project is located shall have a committee, composed of the District Treasurer, the District Secretary of Supply work, and the District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, whose duties shall be to visit such projects within the district and to keep in touch with the workers employed in them. (Amended March 1967).

26. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes. (Amended March 1967).

27. A conference-wide one day training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held each year beginning in 1965-1966, if finances permit. (Amended March 1967).

28. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe. (Amended March 1967).

29. That in the event of the death of the Treasurer of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society, or the disability of such Treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the President of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society be authorized and empowered by the Administrative committee to draw and sign checks on behalf of said Society. New Rule, March 1966. (Amended March 1967).

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division**.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES SEE BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY, Section 1 to 13 inclusive AS ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S DIVISION.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the district society composed of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nominations of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its members an Administrative Committee of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. (a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials,

spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

(b) The committee shall be responsible for planning a program of information and inspiration in harmony with the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the meeting of the District Society. (Amended March 1966).

Section 3. There shall be a Committee on Finance composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations elected in the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, except those committees which elect their own chairman, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the district society for election.

ARTICLE IV - Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

District Officers and secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel. (Amended March 1965).

Section 2. Officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st after their election or appointment. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report. (Amended March 1965).

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees

of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer or secretary. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones, according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by her respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V – Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five (25¢) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer, the amount to be determined by the District Committee on Finance.

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

BYLAWS OF THE LOCAL WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ARTICLE II – Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the society shall be composed of the officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees and circles, the representative serving on the Committee on Christian Vocations; the president, the treasurer and the coordinator of each unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church; members of the Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction, conference and district societies who are members of the society; and the pastor. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet once a month prior to the business meeting of the society. It shall consider all plans and projects and submit its recommendations to the society for action. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or in chairmen shall

be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nominations of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee of seven, who shall meet upon the call of the president to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III - Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Committee on Christian Social Relations composed of the Secretary of Christian social relations, as chairman, and such other members as the society shall designate. This committee shall meet regularly and study community, national and world issues and needs of concern to the church. The committee shall bring reports and recommendations to the monthly meeting of the society for its consideration and action. Special subcommittees may be appointed as need arises.

Section 2. There shall be a Committee on Finance composed of the treasurer as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, the chairman of local church activities, and such other persons as the society shall designate.

It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare the total budget of the society for approval by the Executive Committee and adoption by the society. This budget shall include amounts to be sent to the district or conference treasurer and the amounts to be expended locally. Officers, secretaries and committees of the society shall present all anticipated needs for funds to the Committee on Finance of the society for consideration in making the budget to be recommended to the society for adoption. All funds of circles are a part of the total budget of the society.

Requests, made either to the circles or to the society for funds not included in the budget adopted, shall be referred by the society to the Committee on Finance for study in relation to the total financial responsibility of the society and for recommendation to the society.

The Committee on Finance shall bring to the society recommendations and plans for securing all funds to be spent locally or channeled to the district or conference treasurers. (NOTE: Funds for missionary projects shall be sent by the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church to the district or conference treasurer. Thank offerings, Christmas offerings, and Lenten offerings may be used as methods of securing the total budget of the society in the local church. The monies, which must be sent to the district and/or conference treasurer for forwarding to the Woman's Division, include bequests and devises to local societies from decedent estates which are designated in whole or in part by the donor for home and/or foreign missions.)

Section 3. There shall be a Committee on Local Church Activities composed of the chairman of the local church activities, as chairman, the treasurer, the secretary of the membership cultivation, and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall be responsible for recommending and coordinating fellowship activities of the society in the local church. It shall recommend activities and needs in line with the responsibilities of the society. As the need arises, it shall work with the minister and local church committees in making plans for fellowship activities. It shall refer items related to finance to the Committee on Finance for consideration and recommendation to the society.

Section 4. There shall be a Committee on Membership composed of the secretary of membership cultivation, as chairman, the secretary of spiritual life cultivation, representation from each of the circles and such other members as the society shall designate. This may be a joint committee with the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this instance, the committee shall have co-chairmen.

It shall be the duty of this committee to plan frequent surveys of the women in the community. It shall make definite recommendations to the society regarding plans for meeting responsibility in the enlistment of women in the life and work of the church. It shall plan creatively for the involvement of women in the fellowship of study, service and action of the society. The committee shall strive to establish such relationship with new members of the society as will enlist their eager participation in the total program of the church and of the society. The committee shall seek to interpret the place and responsibility of women in the local church. The committee shall cooperate in the total program of evangelism and membership cultivation of the local church.

Section 5. There shall be a Committee on Nominations responsible for the presentation of nominations for officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The consent of nominees shall be secured before presenting names. The committee shall make nominations to fill vacancies which occur ad interim.

The committee shall nominate a representative from the society to serve on the Committee on Christian Vocations of the church, or to work with the secretary of Christian vocations where the committee does not exist. The nominations shall be given to the Committee on Nominations of the church and the election shall take place in the Quarterly Conference of the church.

Section 6. There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the vice-president as chairman, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, and spiritual life cultivation. Additional members may be elected or appointed by the Executive Committee if the society so desires.

This committee shall plan and make recommendations to the society for the total program of study and action of the society and give guidance to the implementation of these plans.

Section 7. There shall be a Committee on Publicity composed of the recording secretary and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall send to the church bulletin and newspapers all notices and reports of meetings of the society, and shall collect clippings and letters of interest relating to society meetings, programs and social functions. It shall have charge of printing and stationery.

Section 8. There shall be a Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman, with the secretary of membership cultivation and such other members as the society may designate. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

ARTICLE IV – Nominations and Elections

Section 1. At the time all officers and secretaries are elected, the society shall elect, for a three-year term, a Committee on Nominations composed of three to five members, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the society. The member of the committee who is elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year and, while serving in this capacity, she shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three consecutive years.

Section 2. At the time of the election the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all officers and secretaries, the chairmen of the committees, and the members of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 3. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor. Elections may be by acclamation or by ballot.

Section 4. A majority vote is sufficient for election. Those elected shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 5. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years. (Amended March 1967).

Section 6. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or among the chairmen shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one or more regular meetings of the society during a month. Adequate time shall be given in the meeting for education in and successful promotion of the vast interests committed to Methodist women. One regular meeting of the year shall be devoted to consecration of the plans, programs and financial pledges for the year. The Committee on Nominations shall bring a report and an election shall be conducted for the officers, secretaries and chairmen. Annual reports shall be given and installation held before the close of the year.

Section 2. Where expedient, the society may organize circles which shall meet once a month for an inclusive presentation of the plans and program of the society. Membership in circles shall be revolving, subject to entire change of personnel (annually or biennially) at the time of the annual meeting.

Section 3. The order of business shall include a worship, reports of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees, and a program presenting the total work of the society as provided by the education and cultivation agencies of the Division.

Section 4. A special meeting of the society may be called by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

Section 5. The president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider business of importance.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the society provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the society in the local church.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Membership Cultivation.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the district treasurer not later than July 15. The budget shall include an amount not less than fifteen cents (15¢) nor more than twenty-five cents (25¢) per member for district cultivation, amount to be determined by district committee on Finance.

7. The Secretary of Membership Cultivation in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Secretary of Membership Cultivation of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25¢ per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

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- Executive Secretaries
- Executive Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild

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- South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
- Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:

- Past presidents of Louisiana Conference
- Louisiana conference officers
- Chairmen of Committees not otherwise included in list
- Members of Conference nominating committee
- Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work
- Retired conference officers and secretaries for one year

District:

- All district officers and secretaries
- 5 copies to each district secretary of membership cultivation
- Guild district secretaries and chairmen

Local:

- Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
- Guild local presidents

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- Directors of Projects under Board of Missions in Louisiana
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 Minden: First Church Mrs. J. R. Watkins, P. O. Box 66, Minden, 71055
 Lakeview Mrs. L. N. Johnson, Box 820, Minden, 71055
 Ruston:
 Trinity Church Mrs. Paul J. Pennington, Ruston, 71270
 Christie Williams Unit Miss Ruth Johnson, Rt. 2, 1322 Cooktown Rd.,
 Ruston, 71270
 Virginia Laskey Unit . Mrs. H. L. Henry, Jr., Box 875, Tech Station, Ruston, 71270
 Springhill Mrs. I. L. Park, 211 6th St., S. W., Springhill, 71075

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 Recording Secretary . Mrs. Kenneth Finch (Gerry), 220 Albert Street, Shreveport, 71105

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 Missionary Education Miss Mildred Kee, 3556 Judson St., Shreveport, 71109
 Program Materials Mrs. Mary Givens, 2020 Amelia St., Shreveport, 71108
 Spiritual Life Cultivation Mrs. Elsie Ellis, 246 Pennsylvania, Shreveport, 71105
 Supply Work Mrs. Dollie Brown, 2037 Elizabeth St., Shreveport, 71104

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 Gilliam Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Gilliam
 Haughton Mrs. C. W. Golson (Carlene), Haughton, 71037
 Logansport Mrs. Monteen Haynes, P. O. Box 354, Logansport, 71049
 Mansfield Miss Elizabeth Ricks, 303 Jefferson St., Mansfield, 71052
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 Plain Dealing Mrs. Frank W. Bishop, Plain Dealing, 71064
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 Wynn Mrs. W. H. Dupuy, 2618 Huntington St., Shreveport, 71103
 Zwolle Mrs. Linda Ferguson, P. O. Box 163, Zwolle, 71486

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Shreveport, Louisiana, July 22, 1966

The Conference Guild Committee met in the parlor of James Dormitory at Centenary College, Shreveport, at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 22, 1966, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, presiding. The Recording Secretary called the roll and the following responded; Miss Evans, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Milton Baldrige, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. S. W. Spell, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Bessie Fairley (substituting for Mrs. R. M. Steere), Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Max Clayton, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, and Miss Maree White.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. McGowan. The Recording Secretary read communications from Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. G. W. Dameron, who were unable to be present. Letters of appreciation were read from Miss Evans for the Honorary Life Membership presented to her, from Miss Arline Tyler for the gift of silver presented to her by the Committee, and from Mrs. Dameron for the gift toward her expenses to the meeting of the World Methodist Conference. A letter was read from Miss Jerry Beck giving her resignation as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES for reasons of health. Miss Tyler moved that the secretary be instructed to send letters to absent Committee members. **Carried.**

Miss Evans announced that Miss Marilyn Carter had been appointed to be Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, replacing Miss Beck. Mrs. Miller moved that this Committee confirm Miss Carter's appointment with appreciation. **Carried.**

Miss Evans reported on a meeting in Dallas at the Regional School of Christian Mission with Mrs. John Howe, editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Gallaher, and Mrs. Gardner to discuss plans for the Conference publication.

Mrs. Howe was called into the meeting to give an outline of the proposed plans. In substance, these plans are: To have four issues for the subscription price of \$1.00 a year; to have the year coincide with the church year, from June 1 to May 31; to publish the issues according to the following general plan: the July Issue, for the promotion of Studies, should be in the printer's hands by June 15; the September Issue, to carry information from Officers and Lines of Work Secretaries and Chairmen, to be at the printer's by August 15; the January Issue, to promote the Spring Meetings, to be ready by November 15 or soon thereafter; and the April Issue, for promotion of the School of Christian Mission and the Guild Weekend, to be in by March 15.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, came into the meeting and was introduced.

The Conference Secretary announced that there is a need for a Guild person to handle Guild subscriptions, promotion, and finance for the publication. She said that Miss Arline Tyler had agreed to accept the responsibility with the assistance of Miss Adeline Durham. Miss Langford moved that the plans outlined by Mrs. Howe and the appointment of Miss Tyler and Miss Durham be confirmed by this Committee. **Carried.**

It was announced by Miss Evans that Miss Dorothy Dunbar, who had been se-

lected to be Program Chairman for the 1967 Spring Meeting, had resigned from that responsibility because of the pressure of new business responsibilities, and that Miss Grace Lawson had been named to succeed her. Mrs. Spell moved that this Committee confirm the appointment of Miss Lawson as Program Chairman for the Spring Meeting. **Carried.** It was also announced that Miss White had been chosen to be Program Chairman for the 1967 Guild Weekend. Miss Lowrey moved that this Committee confirm her appointment. **Carried.** Miss Langford moved that the responsibilities of the Guild Weekend be distributed among the districts. **Carried.**

Miss Tyler moved that the expenses of those members of the Woman's Society who were asked to participate on the program of this meeting but who are not members of the Conference Guild Committee, be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. **Carried.** The Recording Secretary was asked to write Mrs. George Thomas, expressing the regrets of the Committee at her inability to be present to participate on the program as planned.

Miss Evans announced that in 1967, Guild Weekend will follow the Conference School of Christian Mission; it will be July 21-23. The Mid-Year Committee Meeting will be in Alexandria October 8 and 9, preceded by a meeting of the Program Committee at 10:00 A.M. on October 8.

Miss Miller moved that this Committee thank the Shreveport Guilds for the delicious supper snack served earlier in the parlor. **Carried.**

Mrs. McGowan asked if the Guild officers wanted to continue to contribute to the column "Comment" in the Louisiana Methodist. Miss Langford moved that Guild Officers continue to submit these articles. **Carried.**

The Committee was informed that Mrs. McGowan had been elected to serve as a Woman's Society Member-at-Large on the South Central Jurisdiction Guild Committee. Mrs. McGowan expressed her pleasure at having been chosen for this office.

Mrs. Dabney spoke briefly to the group, expressing her pleasure in being able to attend this Weekend.

Miss Tyler moved that the meeting adjourn. **Carried.**

Maree White, Recording Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 23, 1966

The Administrative Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, meeting in James Dormitory on the evening of July 23, 1966, considered the matter of dedication of the offering to be received at the Worship Service on Sunday morning of the Guild Weekend meeting. Miss Maree White moved that the offering be divided equally between the Conference Cultivation Fund and Missions, undesignated. **Carried.**

Present were: Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Milton Baldrige, Mrs. Clayton Mainous, and Miss White.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND

July 22, 23, 24, 1966

The twentieth annual Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend opened at 4:00 P.M. Friday, July 22, 1966, at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, with registration in the parlor of James Dormitory. Mrs. Violet Dickens of Shreveport was in charge of registration. A supper snack was served by members of the Shreveport District.

The Conference Guild Committee met in the Library of the dormitory at 8:00 P.M. Others enjoyed fellowship in the parlor, followed by a meditation.

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Morning Watch in the amphitheater was led by Mrs. Elsie Ellis at 7:00 on Saturday. After breakfast, registration resumed and browsing in the Literature room was available under the direction of Miss Grace Lawson.

The first General Session opened in the auditorium of the Hurley Music Building at 9:00 with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, presiding. After the hymn, "Be Strong," Mrs. R. W. Kelley led in prayer.

Miss Evans introduced members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who are on the Conference Guild Committee: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Conference President; Mrs. Max Clayton, Secretary of Membership Cultivation; and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer. Other Woman's Society members present were introduced: Mrs. John Howe, general editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES; Mrs. Wiley Gardner, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and business manager of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary of Supply Work; Mrs. Garland Dean, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

Also introduced were Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Director of Business Girls' Inn, and Miss Margaret Field, Deaconess and nurse at Methodist Home Hospital. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild was introduced. Persons with special responsibilities for the Weekend were presented: Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Chairman of Program; Mrs. Violet Dickens, Chairman of Registration; Mrs. Theima Oseland, Pianist; Mrs. Elsie Ellis, Song Leader and President of Noel Guild in charge of platform arrangements; Miss Elizabeth Lowrey and Miss Sybil Kelly, Chairmen for Hostess, Shreveport District; and Miss Grace Lawson, Literature room.

Conference Guild Officers were introduced: Miss Maree White, Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Marilyn Carter, and Miss Arline Tyler. District Secretaries were presented: Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. S. W. Spell, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. W. Lester Beard, Mrs. Bessie Fairley (substituting for Mrs. R. M. Steere), and Miss Elizabeth Lowrey.

Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Program Chairman, presented changes in the printed program.

The Recording Secretary read the following Recommendations from the Conference Guild Committee: That Miss Marilyn Carter be confirmed as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES, replacing Miss Jerry Beck who resigned for reasons of health. That Miss Arline Tyler and Miss Adeline Durham be confirmed as Business

Managers to handle Guild subscriptions and circulation for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. That the subscription price for CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES be one dollar a year, and that the year be from June 1 to May 31. That there be four issues of the publication to be designated as follows: the June Issue for the promotion of Studies; the September Issue to contain information from Officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work; the January Issue for the promotion of the Annual Spring Meetings; and the April Issue for the promotion of the School of Christian Mission and the Guild Weekend. Mrs. W. L. Beard moved that these recommendations be adopted. **Carried.**

Miss Evans gave a report of her work as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES.

Dr. D. L. Dykes, pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, gave the message of the morning: "Be Strong! Stand Up! Speak Out!"

Officer Responsibility Groups met with the following leaders at 10:00 o'clock: Presidents, Miss Evans, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Mainous; Membership Cultivation, Miss Tyler and Mrs. Clayton; Finance, Miss Lillian Kennedy, Mrs. Gallaher, and Mrs. L. C. Aycock; Recording Secretaries, Miss White.

At 11:00 the Second Officer Responsibility Groups met: Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Mainous and Mrs. Garland Dean; Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Baldrige; Program Materials, Miss Lawson; Christian Social Relations, Miss Langford and Mrs. Violet Jackson; Committee on Nominations, Miss Lowrey and Mrs. Clayton.

The Second General Session convened at 1:45 in the Hurley Music Building Auditorium. After the hymn, "I Want a Principle," Miss Sara Wadsworth led in prayer.

Mrs. Watkins was presented to give to the Guild a brief account of her work at Business Girls' Inn, a boarding home for girls in Shreveport, operated under the sponsorship of the Woman's Division.

Miss Evans then presented Mrs. Hazel Dabney, who presented the study, "Affluence and Poverty--a Dilemma for Christians." Members present were divided into six Application Groups for further discussion of the study topic. Leaders of these groups were: Miss Evans, Mrs. Baldrige, Mrs. Violet Jackson, Mrs. Mainous, Mrs. Dabney, and Mrs. McGowan.

At 3:30, District Officers met under the following leaders: Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Mainous; Christian Social Relations, Miss Langford; Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. Baldrige; Supply Work, Mrs. Gallaher; and Program Materials, Miss Lawson.

The Third General Session opened in the Hurley Auditorium at 7:00 and enjoyed fellowship in song under the direction of Dr. A. C. Voran of Centenary College.

The Bible Study was then given by Dr. Webb Pomeroy of Centenary College on the Books of Peter and James under the title, "Christian Being and Doing."

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Sunday Morning Watch was under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Owens of Monroe District.

The Fourth General Session met in the Hurley Auditorium. The Guild Hymn was

sung and prayer was directed by Mrs. Irene Deas.

A panel of four persons presented the following topics: Mrs. McGowan: The relation of the Wesleyan Service Guild to the Woman's Society of Christian Service on the local level; Mrs. Dabney: The relation of the Local Guild to the Woman's Division; Mrs. Gallaher: The relation of the Guild and the Woman's Society in the area of finance; Miss Evans tied together the main points of the previous speakers. Questions from the floor were directed to members of the panel. In the course of the discussion, Miss Langford offered an "Elizabeth Langford Award" to the district that organized the most Guild units during the coming year.

Miss Evans presided over the business session beginning at 9:30. She announced the following dates: Mid-Year Conference Committee Meeting, October 8 and 9, 1966, with a Program Committee Meeting at 10:00 A.M. on October 8; annual Spring Meeting in Lake Charles, March 17-19, 1967; meeting of WSCS and Guild Conference Officers, Conference Secretaries, and Chairmen of Lines of Work, and Conference Recording Secretaries at Mount Sequoyah, May 5-7, 1967; Regional School of Christian Mission, June 19-23; Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 23-25 at Mount Sequoyah; Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, July 16-21; Conference Guild Weekend, July 21-23 at Centenary College.

Miss Evans announced that the Program Chairman for the 1967 Spring Meeting would be Miss Lawson and for the Guild Weekend it would be Miss White.

The Recording Secretary read a recommendation from the Administrative Committee that the offering received at the morning Worship Service be divided, with half going to Conference Cultivation and half to Missions, undesignated. Miss Marie Pace moved the money be divided as recommended. **Carried.**

The Recording Secretary read the appointment of the Journal Committee: Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. S. W. Spell, and Mrs. Joe Rountree.

Mrs. Violet Dickens gave the report of Registrations by Districts: Alexandria, 11 from 3 units; Baton Rouge, 11 from 5 units; Lafayette, 9 from 4 units; Lake Charles, 8 from 4 units; Monroe, 22 from 7 units (one was a member-at-large); New Orleans, 24 from 6 units; Ruston, 5 from 3 units; Shreveport, 41 from 12 units; WSCS members, 8; Total, 139.

Miss Evans presented the following Christian Workers, who gave brief accounts of their work; Mrs. John Howe, whose husband is Director of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, told of the expansion of the facilities and services at the Center. Mrs. Bessie Fairley and Miss Grace Lawson spoke of their work at the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston; the latter is a volunteer worker for the summer. Miss Margaret Field, Deaconess-Nurse at Methodist Home-Hospital in New Orleans spoke of the home-hospital.

Miss Evans announced that Mrs. McGowan had been elected to serve as a Woman's Society Member-at-large on the Jurisdiction Guild Committee.

Miss Arline Tyler, who represented the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at the Quadrennial Assembly of Methodist Women at Portland, Oregon, in May, gave a report of the meeting. Miss Elizabeth Lowrey also attended the Assembly.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Shreveport District for their hospitality during this meeting. Seventeen persons were in attendance at their first Guild Weekend.

The Morning Worship Service was under the direction of Mrs. Baldridge, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Special music was given by Miss Jerry Beck, who sang "My Task." Rev. Henry Blount, Associate Pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, gave the morning message, also entitled "My Task."

The offering was \$118.10.

Miss Evans declared the Twentieth Annual Guild Weekend adjourned.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Alexandria, Louisiana - October 8-9, 1966

The annual Mid-Year Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened at 2:00 P.M., October 8, 1966, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, presiding.

A worship service was led by Mrs. S. W. Spell.

The Recording Secretary called the roll and the following replied: Miss Evans, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. Spell, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. R. M. Steere, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. George Dameron, and Miss Maree White.

A note from Mrs. Glenn Laskey was read.

Mrs. Baldridge moved that the minutes as approved by the Journal Committee and circulated to the Guild Committee be adopted. **Carried.**

Miss Evans appointed the Journal Committee to serve for the meeting now in session: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Steere, and Miss Rollo.

Mrs. McGowan, President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke briefly.

Mrs. Gallaher distributed and explained the financial statement for the year 1965-66.

Each District Secretary made a report of the work in her district, the one from New Orleans being read by Mrs. Baldridge in the absence of Mrs. W. Lester Beard. Copies of these reports may be seen in the file of the Recording Secretary.

The report from Mrs. John Howe on CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES was read by the Recording Secretary. Three issues of the new paper comprising Volume 1 have been released. The plan is for the January, 1967, issue to begin Volume 2. Material for this issue should be in the printer's hands by November 15.

Miss Evans gave a report of her term as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE

TIMES. She announced that Miss Marilyn Carter would assume her duties as Guild editor with the next issue and that Miss Tyler and Miss Adeline Durham would receive subscriptions for 1967-68. She reported that currently there are 237 Guild subscribers.

Corrections in the mailing addresses of officers and Presidents were made.

It was reported that Mrs. Martha Overbey, who is in Hotel Dieu Hospital in New Orleans, will be moved to the home of a daughter in Port Sulphur as soon as she is able.

Miss Dunbar reported that the Louisiana Conference no longer supports Camp Brewer, and that only Alexandria, Lafayette, and Lake Charles districts contribute to its support. Concern was expressed concerning the future of Camp Brewer and the failure of Louisiana Methodism to provide a centrally located campsite for Methodist Youth. Miss Dunbar moved that this committee write to Bishop Walton and to Dr. Luman Douglas of the Area Council (with a copy to Rev. J. F. Kilpatrick) requesting that the Conference resume support of Camp Brewer, that the Conference enlarge and improve the camp, and put women on the Camp Brewer board. **Carried.** Miss Evans appointed a committee to draw up the letter: Miss Dunbar, Miss Tyler, and Miss White.

After a break for dinner the meeting resumed.

Mrs. Mainous moved that cards be sent to absent members. **Carried.**

Miss Langford gave the report for the work in the area of Christian Social Relations. She urged Guild women to support the program of the Woman's Society and the Church in this area and to register and vote.

Mrs. Mainous reported for Missionary Education and Service and her work as Program Chairman for the Spring Meeting and the Guild Weekend of 1966.

Miss Lawson reported that total sales of literature at Guild Weekend was \$385.45, with ten per cent of this amount returned to the Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. Baldridge, chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation reported that she had attended Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. She outlined her responsibilities in the Conference School of Christian Mission and the Guild Weekend.

Miss Dunbar reported on Supply Askings for 1966-67.

Miss Lowrey, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reminded the group that in 1968 we must elect the Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service, Program Materials, and Supply Work, and one Woman's Society of Christian Service Member-at-Large.

Miss Evans reported that seven members attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah, June 17-19; that four members attended Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in Dallas; nine persons attended School of Christian Mission in Shreveport. She reported a very successful Conference Guild Weekend July 22-24 at Centenary. She urged an all-out effort to meet the pledge to missions and to increase membership.

The Recording Secretary read the following composed by the committee appointed to frame a letter concerning Camp Brewer:

Dear Rev. Walton:

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee in session in Alexandria, October 8, 1966, submits the following suggestions:

That Camp Brewer be designated as the Louisiana Conference Camp and that it be supported by the Conference under the supervision of the Area Council.

That it be developed into a camp of which Louisiana Methodists can be proud.

That its facilities be enlarged and improved so that it can adequately serve as a camp and as a meeting place for our youth and for adult groups.

That the present buildings be replaced by modern year-round structures including an assembly hall with several class or meeting rooms.

That women be included on the Camp Brewer Committee.

We respectfully request your consideration of the above recommendations.

Miss Lawson moved that the letter be accepted as read. **Carried.**

Evening worship was led by Mrs. Steere.

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The meeting resumed at 8:30 A.M. Sunday. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. McCammon.

Miss Lawson read the tentative outline of the program for the Spring Meeting.

Mrs. Gallaher presented the following Pledge and Budget for 1967--68.

Proposed	Pledge	1967-1968
Alexandria	\$	2,296.00
Baton Rouge		2,974.00
Lafayette		1,886.00
Lake Charles		3,277.00
Monroe		3,816.00
New Orleans		3,003.00
Ruston		2,798.00
Shreveport		<u>3,453.00</u>
Total	\$	23,503.00

Proposed Budget 1967--1968

Office Expense	\$ 250.00
Annual Meeting	625.00
Conference Guild Weekend	225.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	175.00
Regional School Of C. Mission	200.00
Jurisdiction And Division Cultivation	125.00
CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES	150.00
Committees	100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,175.00

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the proposed pledge be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the proposed budget be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the Guild Weekend Registrar disburse all funds for expenses, delegates, etc., and return the balance to the Conference Treasurer. Carried.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that an amount up to \$200 from cultivation funds be allowed for expenses of Guild officers eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service (combined with Leadership Training) at Mount Sequoyah, May 5-7, 1967. Carried.

The Recording Secretary read from a letter received by the Conference Secretary from the Jurisdiction Secretary calling attention to Jurisdiction officers to be elected in 1968: Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Chairman of Program Materials, Chairman of Supply, and the Committee on Nominations. Also to be nominated is a member-at-large to the Division Guild Committee.

Each district secretary was instructed to be responsible for name tags for members of her district attending the Guild Weekend, and to send the tags to the Chairman of Registration for distribution. It was requested that the tag include the member's town as well as her district. Miss Langford offered to make name tags for the Conference Officers. The Recording Secretary was asked to send two copies of registration form to each unit, one to go to the registrar and one to the district secretary.

Miss Langford announced that the contest for the district organizing the most new units will terminate at the end of May with the award being presented at the Guild Weekend.

Mrs. Baldrige gave the closing meditation.

Miss Evans declared the meeting adjourned.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

Program

Sixteenth Annual Meeting WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 17 — 19, 1967

"Total Mission to a Total World"

Friday, March 17, 1967

6:00 P.M. Registration	Lobby Charleston Hotel
8:00 P.M. Conference Guild Committee Meeting	Room 206 Charleston Hotel

Saturday, March 18, 1967

8:00 A.M. Conference Guild Committee Breakfast	Jean Lafitte Room Charleston Hotel
9:00 A.M. Registration	First Methodist Church
10:00 A.M. District Secretaries' Meeting	Room 206, Charleston Hotel
12:00 Noon Registration, continued	First Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

SANCTUARY, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1:00 P.M. Organ Prelude "Meditation by Alec Rowley	Mr. Donald Allured
Theme Hymn "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"	No. 410
Convening of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting	Miss Mildred Evans
Prayer	Mrs. Milton C. Baldrige
Meditation "What Talents I Possess"	Mrs. W. W. Paxton
Holy Communion	Dr. G. W. Pomeroy
Welcome	Mrs. Robert McCall
Order of Business:	
Presentation of Program	Miss Grace Lawson
Report of Recording Secretary	Miss Maree White
Appointment of Committees	
Report on "Christian Service Times"	Miss Marilyn Carter
Report on World Methodist Conference	Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Address	Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Announcements	
Special Music	Mr. Donald Allured, Director
Pledge Service "Light to a Total World"	Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
3:00 P.M. Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church

7:00 P.M. Dinner	Cafeteria, LaGrange Senior High School
Presiding	Mrs. Clayton G. Mainous
Invocation	Mrs. Frank Bryan
Introductions	
Special Music	
Address "Discovering New Dimensions"	Mr. Larry Pleimann
Benediction	The Reverend Roy Mouser

Sunday, March 19, 1967

7:00 A.M. Breakfast	Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church
Presiding	Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge
Invocation	Mrs. Jean Gilmore
Meditation	
"Total Mission to a Total World"	Mrs. Larry Pleimann
Prayer	Mrs. Cay Richardson

8:30 A.M. Order of Business:

Committee Reports	
Election of Delegates	
Report on Bolivia	Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steere
Guild Hymn	
Report of Conference Secretary	Miss Mildred Evans
Adjournment	

— SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 17-19, 1967

The sixteenth annual spring meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, March 18, 1967, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, presiding.

After the opening prayer by Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Mrs. W. W. Paxton led the meditation with the theme "What Talents I Possess." Holy Communion was directed by Dr. G. W. Pomeroy, pastor of First Church, assisted by Rev. Roy Mouser of Simpson Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and Rev. William Reed, pastor of the Methodist Church of Maplewood.

Mrs. Robert McCall, President of the Julia Reid Guild unit of First Church, welcomed the members. Miss Grace Lawson, program chairman for the meeting, presented the program as printed with one transposition: the report of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES was moved from Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning.

The Recording Secretary read the following Recommendations from Jurisdiction as approved by the Conference Guild Committee:

We recommend

1. continuation of the Upgrading Program and emphasis on Housing for employed women,
2. that each local guild study, carefully, the report and recommendations of the section of Christian Social Relations with special attention given to PROJECT EQUALITY, the ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM, and New Concepts of Social Welfare,
3. that there be small groups made up of inter-denominational and employed women on all levels participating in the preparation for the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women,
4. and encourage participation in the World Understanding Workshops,
5. that small study groups be initiated and members participate in using the new Adult Curriculum "Foundation Studies in Christian Faith."

The Recommendations from the Conference Guild Committee were then read:

1. That MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION become a vital part of the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild through the work of every member, guided by an interested and active MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.
2. That we avail ourselves of the opportunities for study and growth offered in our School of Christian Mission, our Guild Weekend, our Annual Meeting, our District Meetings, and Officers' Training.
3. That we work with the Commission on Missions in our local Churches to bring to the total membership better study programs.
4. That each member, through the District Secretaries and local treasurers, be encouraged to increase her pledge to missions.
5. That each district, through its District Secretary, be encouraged and urged to meet its pledge to missions and that the use of the "Special Mission Banks" and/or "My World Bank" be continually promoted.
6. That each local Guild continue to include in its budget a Supplementary Gift for MacDonell Center in accordance with the recommendations of the Guild Committee for 1966-67.
7. That our Supply Work askings be accepted and met before consideration is given by members for offerings for other projects.
8. That the local secretaries send the lists of newly-elected officers (on forms provided), immediately after their election in February, to the district secretaries, and that the district secretaries send the lists of newly-elected district officers and local presidents (on forms provided) to the conference secretary before April 15th.
9. That the Spiritual Life Chairmen continue to promote the use of resource material, special observances, observance of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, Retreats, Time-apart, Quiet Days. That prayer groups be encouraged.

10. That as Christian women, realizing that we are a part of the community in which we live, we actively participate in and contribute to its social, political, and economic issues.
11. That every officer and chairman, through the Program Materials Chairman, subscribe to and read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
12. That every member support and subscribe to CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES.
13. That the offering Saturday afternoon, March 18, 1967, be dedicated to Missions undesignated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann and Miss Arline Tyler.

Miss Lillian Kennedy moved that the recommendations be adopted. **Carried.**

Committee appointments made by the Conference Secretary were read by the Recording Secretary: JOURNAL: Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Miss Hermine Tate. COURTESY: Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Langford, and Mrs. Marguerite Spell. Miss Marilyn Carter moved that these committee appointments be approved. **Carried.**

Mrs. G. W. Dameron gave a very informative report on her attendance at the World Methodist Conference in London in 1966.

Miss Evans presented Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division whose inspiring address "One World, One Witness" deeply moved the women of the Guild.

Miss Evans introduced Mrs. Velma Thomas, chairman of local arrangements for this meeting; Miss Louise Sharp, director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans; Mrs. Alfred Knox of LOUISIANA METHODIST; and Miss Georgia Daily of Methodist Information.

Special music was presented by the Adult Bell Choir of the host church, with Mr. Donald Allured directing.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, an impressive service presented the pledge to Missions as voiced by the District Secretaries: Alexandria \$2,296.00, Baton Rouge \$2,974.00, Lafayette \$1,886.00, Lake Charles \$3,277.00, Monroe \$3,816.00, New Orleans \$3,003.00, Ruston \$2,798.00, and Shreveport \$3,453.00. Total \$23,503.00. A solo by Mr. Lamar Robertson "Walk in the Light" fittingly closed the service which had featured a world map on which tiny lights come on as each secretary added to the amount pledged for missions.

An offering for missions was taken by the District Secretaries at this time. The amount received was \$270.00.

Mrs. Gallaher gave the dismissal prayer.

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A tea was enjoyed in Fellowship hall of the Church.

EVENING SESSION

Dinner was served in the cafeteria of LaGrange Senior High School.

Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, presided over the evening session. Mrs. Frank Bryan gave the invocation. Miss Evans introduced members of the Conference Guild Committee and guests seated at the head table, the District Secretaries, and Mrs. Jack Gregory, who was registrar for the meeting.

Mrs. Mainous introduced Mrs. Gerald Weiss who described plans for observing the centennial of the issuing of the Lake Charles charter, to be held April 22-30.

Special songs were presented by Mrs. Jerome Cady and Miss Mary Koonce.

Mrs. Mainous introduced Mr. Larry Pleimann, former missionary to the Republic of Congo, who spoke on "Discovering New Dimensions." Rev. Roy Mouser gave the benediction.

Sunday, March 19, 1967

BREAKFAST

Breakfast was served in Fellowship Hall of First Church. Mrs. Milton Baldrige, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, presided. Mrs. Jean Gilmore gave the invocation.

Mrs. Larry Pleimann led the meditation, "Total Mission to a Total World."

BUSINESS SESSION

Miss Mildred Evans presided during the final session. She presented Mrs. Velma Thomas, Local Chairman of General Arrangements, who presented those who had assisted in preparations for this meeting.

Mrs. Jack Gregory gave the report of Registration: WSCS 4, Alexandria 17, Baton Rouge 23, Lafayette 16, Lake Charles 55, Monroe 22, New Orleans 29, Ruston 11, and Shreveport 13; Total 190.

Mrs. Austin Miller read the report of the Courtesy Committee:

To the Sixteenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Louisiana Conference in session in Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 17, 18, and 19, 1967:

Inasmuch as these days of inspiration, fellowship, and worship have challenged each of us to a greater understanding of our theme of a Total Mission to a Total World, and have caused us to feel a spirit of rededication as we begin tomorrow to use our talents anew in His Name;

Therefore, we express our deep appreciation to the General Chairman, Miss Grace Lawson, and

To the Lake Charles District Guilds and The First Methodist Church who hosted the Conference under her leadership;

To Mrs. Velma Thomas, General Chairman of local arrangements, and her various committees who so efficiently provided for our every need;

To Rev. George W. Pomeroy, Rev. Bill Reed, and Rev. Roy Mouser for their spiritual guidance;

To Mrs. Glenn L. Laskey, President of the Woman's Division; Mrs. W. W. Paxton; Mrs. G. W. Dameron; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann; and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steere for their messages of information and challenging inspiration;

To Mr. Donald Allured, Organist, Members of the Bell Choir, Lamar Robertson, soloist at the Pledge Service and Mrs. Jerome Cady and Miss Mary Koonce, soloists at the dinner;

To the special committee who graciously arranged the fellowship tea;

To the DeRidder Guilds who prepared and sold the corsages for Missions;

To Mrs. Carl Gallaher for her beautiful Pledge Service;

To Members of the Executive Committee for the contributions they made by their participation in the program;

To the Page Girls who served throughout the conference;

To the Principal of the LaGrange Senior High School, the girls of the Home Economics Department, and the Cafeteria Staff for the enjoyable dinner;

To the News Media of Lake Charles, the business men who cooperated, and to Mrs. Beryl Long who chaired the Publicity Committee;

To Mrs. Alfred Knox, Co-Editor of LOUISIANA METHODIST, and Miss Georgia Daily, "Miss Information" of the Louisiana Conference;

And, finally to our most efficient Conference Secretary, Miss Mildred Evans, for her gracious and dedicated leadership.

As we go our various ways, we feel undergirded with new strength and courage for the days ahead with a firm resolution to assist our own Guilds in a Total Mission to a Total World.

Agnes Miller, Chairman
Marguerite Spell
Elizabeth Langford

Miss Elizabeth Langford moved that copies of the resolutions be sent to all who were mentioned in the report. --Carried.

Miss Evans reported that Corsages for Missions sales totaled \$105.00.

Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Shreveport District Secretary, and Miss Margaret Purvis, representing the President of the Guild at First Church, Shreveport, extended the invitation to hold the Seventeenth Annual Spring Meeting at First Church, Shreveport, on March 15-17, 1968. Miss Evans accepted in behalf of the Conference Guild. She announced that Miss Elizabeth Langford will be Program Chairman for the 1968 spring

meeting and Mrs. Milton Baldrige will be Program Chairman for the 1968 Guild Weekend.

Miss Marilyn Carter gave the report as Guild Editor of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. She stressed plans for promotion and presented Miss Arline Tyler and Miss Adeline Durham, who will handle subscriptions for the coming year. Miss Tyler circulated forms for entering 1967-68 subscriptions.

Miss Evans recognized new Guild units: Claiborne Church in West Monroe and Jonesville Church in Alexandria District. Mrs. Oma Fleming, president of the Claiborne unit, was given the charter for the new unit; the president of the second unit was not present.

Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following nominations: For delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 23-25, 1967: Miss Hermine Tate and Mrs. S. W. Spell; Alternates, Mrs. R. M. Steere and Mrs. Emma Mainous. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Velma Thomas moved that the nominees be elected. **Carried.**

Miss Evans introduced Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steere, who presented a report, with colored slides, of their work during the summer of 1966 in Bolivia with a group of five young people who worked in the area served by Carl and Julia Williams.

Miss Elizabeth Langford reminded the group of her proposed award for the District in which the most new units are organized by the end of May.

Miss Mildred Evans gave the Report of the Conference Secretary.

Mrs. Cay Richardson gave the closing prayer, after which Miss Evans declared the sixteenth annual spring meeting adjourned.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, March 17, 1967

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met at the Charleston Hotel, Lake Charles, Louisiana, at 8:00 P.M., Friday, March 17, 1967, with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary, presiding. Mrs. Milton Baldrige gave the opening worship.

Present were: Miss Evans, Mrs. Baldrige, Miss Maree White, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Miss Marilyn Carter, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Bessie Rollo, Mrs. Joe Rountree, Miss Hermine Tate, Mrs. S. W. Spell, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. W. Lester Beard, Mrs. R. M. Steere, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. George Dameron, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

A note was read from Mrs. Max Clayton, who was unable to attend. Mrs. McCammon was not able to be present because of illness in her home. Miss Lawson moved

that the Recording Secretary send notes to the absent members. **Carried.**

Miss Tate moved that the reading of the minutes of the Conference Committee in session July 22, 1966; and October 8-9, 1966; and of the Guild Weekend July 23-24, 1966, be dispensed with, and that they be adopted as approved by the Journal Committee. **Carried.**

A letter from Mrs. George Thomas was read. She thanked the committee for honoring her with a gift to missions at the Fifteenth Annual session, and she expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of working with the Committee for four years. A note was read from Miss Elizabeth Lowrey to Miss Elizabeth Langford in regard to the delivery of the file of GUILD TIMES to the library of Centenary College for Miss Jerry Beck. A card was read from the Centenary library signed by Mr. Charles Harington, librarian, acknowledging receipt of the gift of the file of GUILD TIMES.

Miss Evans presented Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division; Mrs. Alfred Knox of LOUISIANA METHODIST; and the following Woman's Society members of the Guild Committee: Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Dameron, and Mrs. Gallaher.

Miss Evans read from a communication from Mrs. Sally Lewis, Jurisdiction Guild Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, announcing a Mission Seminar to be held at Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas, on March 31, April 1, 2, 1967. She also read an appeal from Mrs. John Howe for a woman to volunteer to help at MacDonell Methodist Center in Dulac. Also presented was the tentative outline of the program for the Joint Meeting of Jurisdiction and Conference officers to be held at Mt. Sequoyah May 5-7, 1967. All regular conference officers may attend this session.

Forms for reporting names and addresses of district officers and local presidents were distributed by the Recording Secretary to the District Secretaries.

Miss Evans appointed the following committees: Journal: Miss Dunbar and Miss Tate; Courtesy: Mrs. Miller, chairman, Miss Langford, and Mrs. Spell.

The Recommendations from Jurisdiction were read. (See minutes of Saturday afternoon session for these.) Miss Rollo moved that these be promoted throughout the conference. **Carried.** The Louisiana Conference Recommendations were read. (See Saturday afternoon session.) Miss Langford moved that these be adopted. **Carried.**

Miss Lawson, Program Chairman, presented the program for the weekend and commended all local workers and the chairman on publicity.

Miss Carter was called on for a report on CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES. She in turn called on Miss Tyler to present publicity plans for the promotion of the publication. Packets were distributed to the District Secretaries with forms and instructions. The District Secretaries and Chairman of Program Materials in each district were asked to promote subscriptions with June 1 as a deadline. Miss Tyler hoped that 35 to 75% of the members would subscribe. Miss Evans announced that Mrs. Mattie Lee Watson would be the Woman's Society Manager of CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES beginning June 1. Miss Carter moved that the name and address of the Guild business manager be included in each issue of the publication, and that a necrology column be added for Guild members. **Carried.**

Miss Lowrey, Chairman of Nominations, presented the following nominations: For delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah June 23-25: Miss Tate and Mrs. Spell; alternates: Mrs. Steere and Mrs. Mainous.

Organization of two new Guild units was announced: Claiborne Methodist Church in West Monroe and Jonesville Church in Alexandria District.

Attention was called to the reports of conference chairmen in the packets.

Mrs. McGowan spoke briefly of her attendance at meetings of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions and commented upon the dedication of the men and women in those responsibilities. She announced that the Regional School of Christian Mission will be in Dallas, June 19-23, and that there can be no substitutes for conference officers and chairmen. She also announced that a series of World Understanding Workshops will be held this year, one in Baton Rouge, April 4 and 5. Mrs. Mainous moved that the Conference Guild pay the expenses of a Guild person in the line of Christian Social Relations to attend this Workshop. **Carried.**

The Committee was very proud to have Mrs. Laskey present. She spoke about meetings being held throughout the country studying the structure of the Jurisdiction and other levels of the church.

After prayer by Miss Tyler, the Committee adjourned until 8:00 A.M. Saturday.

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Breakfast was served the Committee in the Jean Lafitte room of the Charleston Hotel. Mrs. McGowan offered the grace before the meal.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35. Miss Langford reported excellent response to her poll of Guild members regarding voter registration; over 90% reported registered and voting.

Miss Dunbar reported excellent giving through supply to all askings; \$517.08 had come in for the MacDonell project. Mrs. Gallaher asked the District Secretaries to stress the recommendation regarding including the McDonell program in the local budget.

Miss Evans reported that she had sent the letter to the Bishop, the District Superintendents, and the Secretaries of the Area Council regarding improvement of Camp Brewer, as instructed by the Committee in October, but that she had received no reply. Mrs. Mainous moved that Miss Evans write a follow-up letter to the Bishop with copies to the persons to whom the original letter was sent regarding improvement of Camp Brewer. **Carried.**

Miss Evans called attention to the Elizabeth Langford Award for the district in which the greatest number of new Guild units are organized by the end of May. This award is to be presented at Guild Weekend, 1967.

Miss Lowrey extended an invitation for the 1968 spring meeting to be held at First Church, Shreveport, March 15-17, following the Woman's Society Meeting March 12-15. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Mainous moved that the offering to be received this afternoon be sent to Missions undesignated. **Carried.** Miss Langford moved that this offering be dedicated in honor of Miss Arline Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pleimann. **Carried.**

The following dates of coming events in 1967 were announced: Leadership Performance Meeting: May 5, 6, 7, 1967 (All Jurisdiction and Conference Officers and

Chairmen, including the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations to attend), Mt. Sequoyah; Regional School of Christian Mission: June 19-23, 1967, SMU, Dallas, Texas; Annual Meeting of Jurisdiction Guild: June 23-25, 1967, Mt. Sequoyah; Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women: July 13-16, 1967, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission: July 16-21, 1967, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana; Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend: July 21-23, 1967, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana; Jurisdiction Missionary Conference: July 31 - August 3, 1967 (Chairmen of Missionary Education from the Conferences and Districts to attend), Mt. Sequoyah; Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Mid-year Committee Meeting: October 14-15, 1967, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Miss Lowrey reminded the group that in 1968 the following conference officers will be elected: Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Missionary Education and Service, Program Materials, and Supply, one WSCS member-at-large, and two members of the Nominating Committee. She asked the prayerful attention of the Committee to the need for filling these offices.

Mrs. Laskey spoke of the need to draw new members into the official family of the Conference Guild, reaching down into the districts for new talent. She also urged the Guild to bridge the gap when the merging of the Jurisdictions takes place by inviting Central Jurisdiction persons to our meetings. Miss Carter moved that the committee invite the Louisiana Central Jurisdiction Guild to send two members to the Mid-year Committee Meeting, October 14, 15, 1967. Carried.

Miss Evans declared the meeting adjourned.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Mildred Evans, Conference Secretary

Beginning with our Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and culminating with our Annual Meeting, the year 1966-1967 has been an interesting and inspiring one in many ways as we have participated in the many activities.

Seven members, including your Conference Secretary and the President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, represented the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 17-19, 1966. At this meeting Mrs. McGowan was elected member-at-large from the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the Jurisdiction Guild Committee.

At the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, in addition to your Conference Secretary, you were represented by Mrs. Emma Mainous, Chairman, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Louise Baldrige, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and Mrs. Violet Jackson, substituting for Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, Christian Social Relations.

You were represented at the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, July 18-22, 1966 by your Conference Secretary, Mrs. Louise Baldridge, Chairman, Spiritual Life Cultivation, and seven members. Our immediate past Conference Secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, was the registrar for the School. The Guild Officer Responsibility group was led by your Conference Secretary and interesting and informative discussions were conducted.

The Annual Guild Weekend spent on the beautiful campus of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, July 22-24, 1966 was interesting, informative, and meaningful. The theme message delivered by Dr. D. L. Dykes, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on Saturday morning set the tone for our weekend and gave us a renewed awareness of our responsibility in the world as Christian women. Each person carrying a special part performed her task with a fine sense of responsibility. From the convening to the adjournment of the weekend, in every activity, we were aware of the meaning of our theme "Called to . . . Be Strong! . . . Stand Up! . . . Speak Out!"

Our Missionary Education and Service Chairman, Mrs. Emma Mainous, during the year promoted all areas of Missionary Education and Service, particularly the studies. However it is felt that, inasmuch as, the plan is for church-wide studies, there is a need to stress attendance at district committee meetings and working with the Commission on Missions. We would like to see each chairman of Missionary Education and Service or the president a member of the Commission on Missions so that she might be given an opportunity to be a part of, and make a contribution to the commission. Through this there might be more church-wide studies.

Our Christian Social Relations Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Langford, reports the cooperation of the Guilds in community programs and with civic groups, particularly UNICEF and promoting voting.

Our Supply Work Chairman, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, has worked diligently and urged the Guilds to meet their askings.

Our Program Materials Chairman, Miss Grace Lawson, conducted an Officer Responsibility Group at our Guild Weekend for the chairmen. She, and the members of her committee, worked faithfully in the literature room.

All areas of Spiritual Life have been promoted by our Spiritual Life Cultivation Chairman, Mrs. Louise Baldridge, particularly special observances and the observance of the Call To Prayer And Self Denial. Many of the Guilds have held retreats, time-apart, and quiet days.

Our districts, through the eight district secretaries, continue to work at all levels with the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A number of the districts report a joint approach in an endeavor to increase membership. Two districts report the organization of new Guild units.

We must move forward and we can do this through increased membership and many more new units.

Our pledge to missions for 1966-67 is \$24,974.00. For the three quarters of the year already completed, the Guild has paid toward its pledge, \$14,890.24, which includes special giving. All districts are urged to make every effort, during this, the last quarter, to meet the balance of the pledge to missions.

The year 1967-1968 offers a challenge expressed in the theme of our annual meeting "Total Mission to a Total World". We can accept this challenge and meet it through the giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, and our gifts. We can accept this challenge and meet it, too, by bringing others into our fellowship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Clayton Mainous, Chairman

This year has been one of adjusting to change. Change brings confusion and the change in study was no exception to the rule. However, there were 1206 persons enrolled in study with 35 classes maintaining minimum goals.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of keeping in touch with our Missionaries. Lists of Missionaries were channeled to each local chairman with supplementary lists of changes as needed.

Reports point up that the units have interpreted the word "Service" added to Missionary Education, as action. Much action has taken place as service has been rendered to the communities by the local units.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Grace Lawson, Chairman

The sale of Program Materials at the 1966 Guild Weekend was good, and attendance at the Officer Responsibility Group meeting was very encouraging.

We should place more emphasis on securing magazine subscriptions during the coming year; a number of Guilds reported that they had no subscriptions to the METHODIST WOMAN or WORLD OUTLOOK. The METHODIST WOMAN, the Handbooks, and CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES are indispensable if we are to function effectively.

Subscription report (incomplete): METHODIST WOMAN 96 (34 were new), WORLD OUTLOOK 22 (10 new), Combination 100 (20 new).

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, Chairman

The year 1966-1967 has been an active year for Spiritual Life Chairmen. The reports have indicated many enriching programs.

The Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation worked willingly and untiringly on the Spiritual areas of the program for Guild Weekend July 22-24, 1966. Many thanks for your wonderful cooperation. Your chairman led the Responsibility Group on Spiritual Life Cultivation, and one of the Application Groups on "Affluence and Poverty".

Your chairman attended the Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission June 20-24, 1966. The Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission July 18-22, 1966 and was one of the leaders for the "Bible Discussion Groups" held each evening.

The annual observance of the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" and the "World Day of Prayer" are excellent opportunities for prayer, for sharing and "spiritual renewal". We urge their continuance as a part of your program.

Quiet Days, Days Apart, Prayer Groups and Retreats are being stressed more and more. Many of you have reported rewarding experiences from Prayer Groups, Quiet Days, Days Apart and Retreats. We hope that during 1967-68 all Districts will include one or all in their programs for the year. All are a source of spiritual enrichment.

The 1967 "Prayer Calendar" with its new features is expected to be more readable and usable than ever before. The purpose underlying the Prayer Calendar is mission. We urge you to continue the use of this valuable tool.

The study "Christian Being and Doing" a study commentary on "James and I Peter" is a most stimulating experience.. It is a challenge to apply the message of James and I Peter to our own situation today. We hope all units will have this study.

As we go forward let us seek to strengthen our spiritual lives through, Worship, Prayer, Study and Sharing.

May I ask for your continued support and prayers. May God keep you in His Special love and care and bless you for the work you are called to do.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Wesleyan Service Guild

ARTICLE I — Name

With the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, the Officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at the annual meeting.

Article IV--Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the conference and to the jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference Society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference Society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference Society.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V -- Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the District Secretaries, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Guild Editor, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary of Membership Cultivation, and two other members of the Woman's Society to be elected by the Conference Guild; members of the Division and jurisdiction committees of the Wesleyan Service Guild residing in the Conference; and such co-opted members as the work demands.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the Conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Program Materials shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of five members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 5. There shall be a Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules appointed by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary shall be members of this Committee.

SECTION 6. There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed by the Conference Secretary.

SECTION 7. (a) There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, the Guild Editor of *Christian Service Times*, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held.

(b) Annually at the Spring Meeting the Committee on Program shall name the chairman for each meeting of the succeeding calendar year.

ARTICLE VI — Elections

SECTION 1. (a) The officers of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild in regular meeting. Elections shall be biennially. A term of office shall be four years, and no officer or chairman shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the Conference Secretary, the Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations, three members of the Committee on Nominations, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply Work, the Chairman of Program Materials, two members of the Committee on Nominations, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring *ad interim* shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the Conference Secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting an election. When there is only one candidate for an office, the election may be by voice.

SECTION 5. Officers shall assume office June 1st after their election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

SECTION 6. Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual Spring Meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this Spring Meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference Committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference may be made at an annual meeting of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the annual meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division Constitution and bylaws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. At the Annual Spring Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one voting delegate.

RULE 2. (a) Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual Spring Meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

RULE 3. CHRISTIAN SERVICE TIMES: (a) The Wesleyan Service Guild shall, in co-operation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, publish a newspaper for promotion of Conference work.

(b) For the publication of this paper, there shall be a Committee composed of the Editor, who shall be the Chairman, two Assistant Editors, and a Circulation Manager. The Editors shall be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society, after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One Assistant Editor shall be a member of the Woman's Society and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each selected after consultation with the Editor. The Circulation Manager shall be appointed by the Editor.

RULE 4. Committee on Nominations: (a) The Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild.

(b) Three members of the Committee shall be elected during the second year of the quadrennium and two members during the fourth year of the quadrennium.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium from the members of the Committee on Nominations by the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 5. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

RULE 6. The two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 7. Finances: (a) Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(d) Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Chairmen of Lines of Work who attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car, and 5¢ per mile shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, the expenses of two cars at 5¢ per mile each car shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(f) Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

(g) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her pro-rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings, shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall distribute all funds.

RULE 8. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30¢ per member.

RULE 9. The Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules shall have the authority to incorporate into the Conference and District Bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes.

RULE 10. When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an "In Remembrance Gift" of \$5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.

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